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Note on the Administration of Criminal Justice in the Punjab during the year 1919.

Area and population.

THE area of the territories to which the statements relate is 96,686 square miles excluding the Biloch Trans-Frontier territory,* and the population 19,549,372.

Conversion of Chief Court into a High Court.

2. The most noteworthy feature of the year under review was that a High Court was established for the Punjab and Delhi under Letters Patent. The High Court was constituted as follows :—

1. Sir Henry Rattigan, Kt., Chief Justice.
2. Mr. Justice Chevis.
3. „ „ Scott-Smith.
4. „ „ Shadi Lal.
5. „ „ leRossignol.
6. „ „ Leslie Jones.
7. „ „ Broadway.

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Territorial jurisdiction.

3. During the year under review there were few variations in the constitution and jurisdiction of the criminal courts in the Punjab. A new Revenue district was constituted at Sheikhupura during the last quarter of the year comprised of areas transferred from the districts of Sialkot, Gujranwala, Lahore and Lyallpur. This change has raised the number of Revenue districts from 28 to 29. The new Revenue district has been linked to the Judicial district of Gujranwala, the number of Judicial districts thus remaining unchanged.

Statement No. II.

Cases reported and found true.

4. The total number of offences reported during the year was 189,762 as compared with 164,512 in the previous year, showing an increase of 25,250. The number of cases found by the criminal courts to be true, *i.e.*, cases other than those dismissed under Section 203, Criminal Procedure Code, or in which the complaint was held to be false or frivolous, was 118,184 or 63 per cent. of the total number reported.

Cases brought to trial.

5. The number of cases brought to trial, *i.e.*, true cases less those dealt with under Sections 247 and 259 of the Criminal Procedure Code during the year was 112,365 and the number of persons involved in them was 264,306 as against 98,008 cases and 228,061 persons in the preceding year.

Statement No. I, columns 9—12.

6. The total number of criminal cases disposed of during the year was 184,566 as compared with 157,530 in the previous year, showing an increase of 27,036. Of the total number of decided cases 171,421 or 92·9 per cent. were original cases and 13,145 or 7·1 per cent. were cases in appeal and revision. The percentages for the previous year were 93·5 and 6·5.

Statement No. II.

Persons acquitted and discharged.

7. Of the 264,306 persons brought to trial 182,012 or 68·9 per cent. were acquitted or discharged, 64,760 or 24·46 per cent. were convicted, 414 or ·16 per cent. died, escaped or were transferred to another Province and 17,120 or 6·48 per cent. remained under trial. In the previous year the percentages were 68·6, 24·55, ·26 and 6·58.

Of the 182,012 persons acquitted or discharged 85,997 or 47·24 per cent. were discharged in consequence of the non-appearance of the complainant or the withdrawal of the complaint.

*Not within the jurisdiction of the High Court.

8. Under the Indian Penal Code reported offences have risen from 113,771 to 131,791 and those admitted to have occurred, including offences reported during and pending from the previous year, from 68,203 to 79,218.

Indian Penal Code.

Offences reported and found true.

9. Of 167,495 persons brought to trial under the Indian Penal Code 24,341 or 14·53 per cent. were convicted. Of 26,761 persons brought to trial under the Indian Penal Code whose cases were prosecuted by the Police 15,153 or 62·3 per cent. were convicted, but of the 140,734 persons tried on private complaints only 9,188 or 6·5 per cent. were convicted.

Indian Penal Code.

Persons brought to trial and convicted.

10. The following table shows the number of offences admitted to have occurred under the more important heads of crime :—

Important crimes.

Head of crime.	1917.	1918.	1919.
Dacoity	109	84	169
Robbery	287	243	332
Theft	7,416	7,726	8,916
Receiving stolen property	1,704	1,541	1,935

11. The number of offences affecting life reported during the year and remaining pending from the previous year was the same as last year, *viz.*, 1,382. Of these, 988 were brought to trial and 983 were classified as true, of which 884 were reported in 1919. Of this total 481 were cases of murder or of dacoity with murder, 107 cases of attempted murder and 220 cases of culpable homicide, the remainder falling under other heads. The number of persons brought to trial for murder (sections 302 and 396, Indian Penal Code) was 1,084, of whom 434 were convicted and 210 death sentences were pronounced by Sessions Judges subject to confirmation by the High Court. As this included 11 persons on each of whom two death sentences were passed, 2 persons on whom three death sentences and 1 person on whom five death sentences were pronounced, the number of persons whose cases were referred during the year to the High Court was actually 191 against 222 in the previous year.

Offences affecting life.

12. The figures for true cases of murder for the year 1919 returned by District Magistrates and those supplied by the Police are :—

Murder cases returned by District Magistrates and reported by the Police.

District Magistrates	481
Police	509
Difference	28

The Judges pointed out last year that as long as the Police classify true cases merely by reference to the offences committed, and courts by reference to the individuals charged with the commission of an offence, it is impossible to reconcile their respective figures.

13. Matrimonial offences have risen from 7,417 to 9,820. The most noticeable increase in such cases occurred in the districts of Ferozepore (467) and Multan (396). In this connection it is customary to refer to the marriage registration system. During the year the increase in matrimonial offences appears to be due, not to any breakdown in the marriage registration system, but to the return of sepoys from the Army whose lengthy absence from home has in a certain number of cases proved too great a strain on the fidelity of their wives. At the same time the Judges would be glad to see the marriage registration system placed on a proper legal basis. They understand that the Government

Matrimonial cases.

of India have under consideration a proposal that the Local Government should be empowered to direct a District Board not only to control the registration of marriages but also to levy the necessary registration fees, should the District Board apply for the issue of such a direction ; and that it is not intended to make marriage registration compulsory.

Offences under Special and Local Laws.

14. The number of offences reported during the year under special and local laws was 57,971, or 14·4 per cent. more than the figures for 1918. 43,190 cases involving 96,811 persons were brought to trial of whom 52,078 were acquitted or discharged and 40,419 convicted. These figures include those relating to proceedings under the preventive sections of the Criminal Procedure Code, mentioned in the following paragraph.

Statements Nos II and III. Security to keep the peace.

15. The number of persons ordered to enter into a bond to keep the peace was 80 under Section 106, Criminal Procedure Code, and 443 under Sections 40 and 41 of the Frontier Crimes Regulation III of 1901. There were 8,268 cases under Section 107 of the Criminal Procedure Code involving 41,116 persons of whom 12,425 or 30 per cent. were ordered to execute bonds. As indicated in paragraph 14 last year there is possibly a tendency on the part of the Police to institute an excessive number of proceedings under Section 107 of the Code.

16. In this connection the following remarks of the District Magistrate, Gurdaspur, are of interest :—

" Proceedings under this section are recklessly initiated and a large number of innocent persons are unnecessarily dragged into the courts. Violent crime in this district is very light but from the number of persons prosecuted under section 107, one would be justified in imagining that conditions in this district approximated to those in Jhelum. The Police in this district prosecuted these cases with the greatest freedom. On enquiry I found out that no less than 70 cases involving 372 persons had been challaned by the Police in the courts of 4 different Magistrates during the months of October, November and December. Not a single one of these cases resulted in conviction. I have drawn the attention of the Superintendent of Police to this state of affairs and have now directed that no proceedings under this section be undertaken without either his sanction or my own."

The District Magistrate, Shahpur writes :—"During the summer I asked the Superintendent of Police to provide me with statistics and after we had gone into them he agreed with me that the value of Section 107, Criminal Procedure Code, is in many cases doubtful. Personally I believe that, if indiscriminately used, it is inclined to lead to as much crime as it suppresses and probably more. There is always a danger lest it become an engine of oppression. It is beloved of litigants in both the Civil and Criminal Courts as a counter blow against their opponents. It has a " snow-ball " effect. *A* gets *B* put upon security and is himself put on at the same time also. More frequently *A* and 10 others are bound over while *B* has a similar number of companions. The evil does not stop here for each of *A's* and *B's* party may have another collection of enemies and in self defence try to get them put on security ; and so it goes on. They are beloved of petition-writers who thereby get many security bonds to write. The irritation caused in villages where people live cheek by jowl and are extremely free of speech must be intense. The Superintendent of Police has ordered that in all except very urgent cases the subordinate police officers should send up proposals for Section 107, Criminal Procedure Code, for his sanction ; while I have drawn the attention of the courts to the possibilities of the misuse of this valuable section and have pointed out that a certain amount of evidence is desirable."

Security for good behaviour.

17. Under sections 109 and 110, Criminal Procedure Code, there were 3,880 cases involving 4,179 persons before the courts as compared with 3,557 cases involving 4,004 persons in the previous year. Prosecutions were successful in the case of 2,903 persons or 70 per cent. as compared with 2,610 in the preceding year.

Section 562, Criminal Procedure Code.

18. The total number of persons released on probation under Section 562 of the Code of Criminal Procedure was 355 as against 339 in the previous year.

19. There was an increase from 2,518 to 3,120 in the number of cases under the Workmen's Breach of Contract Act. This increase is due to the fact that owing to the scarcity of labour large advances were made to workmen who apparently struck work on the prospect of getting further advances elsewhere.

Workmen's Breach of Contract Act.

20. The number of persons whose cases were disposed of, excluding appeals and revisions, was 248,872 as against 214,492 in 1918, and the number of original regular cases disposed of during the year was 106,972 as against 92,984 in the previous year. 6,448 cases were pending at the end of the year against 5,694 at the end of 1918. Honorary Magistrates decided 24 per cent. of the total number of cases disposed of by Magistrates during the year as against 27 per cent. in the previous year.

Statement No. IV.
Disposals.

21. District Magistrates decided 90 cases in virtue of the enhanced powers conferred on them under Section 30, Criminal Procedure Code, as compared with 56 cases in the previous year. A number of District Magistrates could not devote much time to the trial of criminal cases owing to their other multifarious duties in connection with the disturbances of April 1919.

Disposals by District Magistrates.

22. Courts of Session disposed of 770 cases involving 1,448 persons during the year at the end of which 119 persons remained under trial.

Disposals by Sessions Judges.

23. The following table shows the average duration of trials during the past two years :—

Average duration.

		1918 Days.	*1919* Days.
1.	Sessions Judges	38	37
2.	District Magistrates (ordinary powers) ...	18	11
3.	District Magistrates (Section 30 powers) ...	47	33
4.	Other Section 30 Magistrates	58	52
5.	Stipendiary Magistrate, I class	23	24
6.	Ditto II and III class ...	22	21

It will be observed that the average duration has fallen in nearly all courts, but in the opinion of the Hon'ble Judges there is still room for improvement. The Judges have recently had under consideration the length of trials and of cross-examinations. The courts have now been directed to disallow of their own motion either examination or cross examination upon matters irrelevant or addressed directly or indirectly to a purely ulterior or collateral object, and not to the question of the guilt or innocence of the accused; or calculated to elicit directly or indirectly the disclosure of matters protected from disclosure by Section 125 of the Evidence Act. The Judges trust that the courts will exercise common sense in the discharge of this duty on all occasions, without misplaced lenience on the one hand, or undue strictness on the other.

The average duration of trials was lowest in Simla, Rawalpindi, Gurgaon, Jullundur and Lahore. It was highest in Montgomery and Jhang. It was ascertained that a uniform practice was not followed in the courts of Sessions Judges in calculating the duration of Sessions cases and criminal references to the Sessions Court. In order to secure uniformity in the matter instructions have been issued to the courts concerned that the period of duration in such cases should be calculated from the date on which the case is registered in the Sessions Court.

24. The Jirga system continues to work well in the three districts to which it applies, *viz.*, Dera Ghazi Khan, Mianwali and the Leiah Tahsil of Muzaffargarh.

Trials under the Frontier Crimes Regulations.

376 cases relating to offences under the Indian Penal Code and involving 838 persons were referred to Councils of Elders during the year as compared with 310 cases involving 740 persons in the previous year.

338 persons were convicted against 278 in the preceding year.

Witnesses.

25. The number of witnesses examined in Criminal cases during the year was 269,528; in the preceding year the number, excluding the district of Rawalpindi for which no figures were kept, was 211,545.

Statement V. Punishments.

26. The following table shows the punishments inflicted in 1919 as contrasted with those in 1918 :—

Year.	Number of persons sentenced to				
	Death.	Transportation.	Imprisonment.	Fine.	Whipping.
1918	135	205	13,054	33,794	601
1919	150	181	16,267	36,863	763

In 23,951 cases the amount of fine imposed did not exceed Rs. 10 and in 9,648 cases it was between Rs. 10 and 50. In 1,539 cases the term of imprisonment did not exceed 15 days. As pointed out in paragraph 23 last year, the great offenders in imposing short sentences are Honorary Magistrates, Tahsildars and Naib-Tahsildars. The total amount of fine imposed has increased by over 21 per cent. to Rs. 8,66,626; the total amount realised is 63·7 per cent. of the amount imposed by way of fine as against 72·8 per cent. in the previous year. A fine of Rs. 50,000 was imposed by the District Magistrate in the Hissar Treasury fraud case but nothing has yet been realised out of this sum. A fine of Rs. 30,000 which has not yet been paid was imposed by the High Court in a case of criminal breach of trust. These two items are responsible for an increase in the amount of fines imposed. Some District Magistrates have reported that fines are imposed in many cases without any regard to the financial position of the accused. The attention of the courts has been drawn to this Court's Circular Memo. No. 5112-G. dated the 10th November 1916.

Whipping.

27. Out of 763 whippings inflicted 690 were in lieu of, 23 were in addition to, other punishments, and 50 were inflicted on juveniles other than those specified in parts I and II of statement No. V.-A. The percentage of whippings on the total number of all punishments was 19·89 as compared with 18·9 in the preceding year. In the majority of cases whipping was inflicted for offences of theft, the number of stripes being most commonly 11 to 20.

Statement No. VI.

Appeals.

28. Excluding the number of appellants who died and the number of those whose appeals were pending at the close of the year, the results of appeals preferred in the courts of the District Magistrates, Sessions Judges and in the High Court were :—

	Percentage.
Dismissed in *limine*	22·9
Sentences confirmed	38·4
Ditto reduced	15·2
Ditto reversed	22·4
Otherwise disposed of	1·1

Of the total number of appeals decided 42·9 per cent. were disposed of by District Magistrates and other Magistrates invested with appellate powers, 50·9 per cent. by Courts of Session and 6·2 per cent. by the High Court.

Revisions and Appeals compared.

29. In revision the sentence was enhanced in the case of 27 persons. The general results of applications for revision as compared with those of appeals are shown in the following table :—

		On revision. Persons.	*On appeal.* Persons.
1.	Sentences maintained	370	6,917
2.	Proceedings quashed	2	26
3.	New trial or further enquiry ordered ...	789	173
4.	Sentences reduced or otherwise altered ...	121	2,732
5.	Sentences reversed	300	4,046

HIGH COURT.

Murder references.

30. The total number of persons whose cases were before this Court for confirmation of the death sentence including those pending from the previous year was 251. The result of these murder references is detailed below :—

		Persons.	*Percentage.*
1.	Capital sentences maintained by the High Court ...	150	68·8
2.	Sentences commuted to transportation for life on account of youth of the offender, provocation, as being the less guilty party and on other grounds ...	17	7·8
3.	Acquitted of murder but convicted of culpable homicide and lesser offences	12	5·5
4.	Totally acquitted	37	17
5.	Appeals abated, convicts having died in Jail ...	2	·9
	Total	218	...
6.	Pending at the end of the year	33	...
	Grand total	251	

Murder references (average duration).

The average duration of murder references was 50 days as compared with 57, 51, 58 and 50, respectively, for the years 1918, 1917, 1916 and 1915.

In addition to the 150 death sentences maintained by the High Court on references by Sessions Judges the following death sentences were also passed by this Court :—

(*i*)	On petition by Government for enhancement of sentence to the capital penalty	1
(*ii*)	By the Court's own motion on appeals from sentences of transportation or imprisonment ...	5
	Total	6

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor commuted the death sentence of 6 convicts to transportation for life and that of one convict to 3 years' rigorous imprisonment. His Excellency the Governor-General in Council commuted the death sentence of 7 convicts to transportation for life.

Original work in the High Court.

31. There were four original trials in the High Court during the year. One was withdrawn ; two were decided, of which one resulted in conviction and the other in acquittal. One case remained pending at the end of the year.

Revisional and appellate work in the High Court.

32. The revisional and the appellate work of the High Court during the past two years is compared in the following table : —

	Revisions.		Appeals.	
	1918.	1919.	1918.	1919.
Dismissed *in limine*	1,806	1,889	56	35
Sentence or order confirmed after notice	320	370	824	756
Sentence enhanced	45	27	...	...
Sentence reduced	140	121	187	126
Sentence reversed	319	300	254	184
Proceedings quashed	8	2	1	...
Total	2,638	2,709	1,302	1,101

The above figures are those of persons not of cases. The average duration of criminal appeals in the High Court fell from 84 to 69 and that of revisions rose from 37 to 43 days as compared with the previous year.

33. Persons tried by jury and with the aid of assessors numbered 4 and 1,146 respectively. Of the 4 persons tried by Jury, 2 were tried in the Courts of Session and the other 2 in the High Court. In cases tried with assessors the Judges agreed with all assessors in regard to 80 per cent. of the persons tried, with some of them in 6·8 per cent. and differed from all in 13·2 per cent.

Statement No. VII. Jurors and Assessors.

34. On the motion of the Judges the Punjab Government directed in March 1919 that subsistence allowance should be allowed to jurors and assessors for the whole period during which they are detained by the courts; formerly they received no subsistence allowance unless detained for more than one day.

35. An Additional Judge was sanctioned for a portion of the year from 6th October 1919 to 31st March 1920 for the inspection of the work of the lower courts. During this period it was possible to inspect the head-quarters of 9 districts only, as this Court worked one Judge short for about 2 months until the return of Mr. Justice Leslie-Jones from long leave on the 26th March. The Judges adhere to the opinion expressed on previous occasions that these inspections are both necessary and useful.

Inspection of subordinate courts.

GENERAL.

36. The comparative figures of cases reported during the year and the preceding 5 years are given below :—

Increase in crime.

1914	204,803
1915	202,220
1916	198,832
1917	180,819
1918	164,512
1919	189,762

It will be observed that, though the figures of 1914 have not been approached, there was during the year as compared with the preceding year an increase in the number of cases. This appears to have been due to the following causes :—

(1) High prices and scarcity of food and fodder.

(2) Reaction from war conditions.

(3) Return of bad characters from abroad.

(4) Unrest caused by the disturbances in the spring of 1919 which stimulated the activities of the criminally inclined.

The increase in crime is shared by almost all districts. The most noticeable increase in cases found to be true occurred in the districts of—

Multan 1,982, Ferozepore 1,530, Gujrat 1,373, Montgomery 1,160, Muzaffargarh 1,031, Hissar 940, Dera Ghazi Khan 770 and Karnal 682.

37. Two Judges of the High Court and five Sessions Judges were deputed for a portion of the year as members of the Special Commissions appointed in connection with the disturbances of April 1919.

Special Commissions.

38. For a portion of the year under review the Hon'ble Sir Basant Mullick of the Patna High Court and the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Chevis of this Court were appointed Judges for the purpose of reviewing sentences passed in connection with the disturbances of April 1919 by Summary Courts appointed by the Martial Law authorities and by Martial Law Tribunals.

Reviewing Judges.

Fees paid to witnesses.

39. In view of the volume of cognizable crime in the Punjab and of the reluctance of witnesses to come forward the Hon'ble Judges have recommended that the present scale of fee prescribed for the two lowest paid classes of witnesses in criminal cases launched by Government be raised from annas six and four to annas nine and six respectively. It is most desirable that the witnesses should be paid an adequate indemnity for the loss of their time in attending the courts.

Habitual Offenders Act.

40. During the year 673 offences were reported under the Habitual Offenders Act. 658 cases involving 659 persons were brought to trial. Movements were restricted in 603 cases involving 604 persons.

Section 203, Criminal Procedure Code.

41. Summary dismissals have increased by about 10,000 but the percentage of cases dismissed to cases reported is practically stationary, *viz.*, 31 against 30 in the previous year.

The procedure by which complaints are first dealt with by a first class Magistrate was abandoned in Amritsar and Karnal but it has proved highly successful in Lahore, Ambala and Jullundur.

Crown representation.

42. During the year Magistrates were reminded of the instructions contained in Punjab Government letter No. 699 dated 7th May 1915, to the effect that at the time of sentence the Magistrate should note on a form prescribed for the purpose whether, in the event of an appeal, Government should be represented or not, as compliance with these instructions obviates much avoidable delay in deciding whether the Government Pleader is or is not to appear for the Crown.

Government Counsel for defence.

43. On the motion of Government, rules have been framed for the employment at Government expense in the High Court of counsel for the defence of paupers accused of offences punishable with death, and certain legal practitioners selected for this purpose. These rules came into operation shortly after the close of the year.

Jail appeals.

44. Several instances of delay in forwarding Jail appeals were reported to have occurred in the offices of Superintendents of Jails and of District Magistrates. Instructions were issued to all offices that in the interests of justice no delay should be allowed to occur in the presentation of these appeals.

Transportation.

45. It came to the notice of the Judges that convicts sentenced to transportation for a term of years who could not be transported were rigorously imprisoned for the same term in Punjab Jails without any legal authority. Instructions were accordingly issued with the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor to all Sessions Judges in the Punjab and Delhi directing that sentencing courts should in future forward confidentially to the Inspector-General of Prisons, Punjab, immediately after the judgment has been pronounced a note containing an opinion as to the amount of imprisonment which should take the place of transportation when the latter sentence cannot be carried out. It was further decided by Government that in future if a convict is not eligible for transportation under paragraph 721 of the Jail Manual or if the Committee referred to in paragraph 726 is unable to certify him as fit for transportation, the Inspector-General of Prisons should report the case to the Local Government for orders under Section 55, Indian Penal Code, or under Section 402, Criminal Procedure Code, as the case may be. A rule to this effect is being incorporated in the Jail Manual. At the request of Government the Judges made recommendations in the case of each convict who had undergone over 10 years' rigorous imprisonment in lieu of transportation for life.

The late Sir Henry Rattigan.

46. The Judges desire to place on record their deep sense of the loss suffered by the High Court and the Province generally by the sad and untimely death of the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Rattigan.

J. A. FERGUSON,
Registrar.

HIS MAJESTY'S HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE:
Lahore, 16th July 1920.

PROVINCIAL STATEMENT No. I—CRIMINAL.

STATEMENT SHOWING THE NUMBER OF OFFICERS EXERCISING JURISDICTION IN ORIGINAL CASES IN THE PUNJAB ON THE LAST DAY OF THE YEAR 1919, AND THE WORK DONE DURING THE YEAR.

Class of Court.	Area (square miles).	Population.	Number of Sessions Divisions, *i.e.*, number of Judicial Districts.	Number of Districts (Revenue).	Number of tahsils.	Number of Officers.		Total number of cases decided.			
								Original.		*Appeal.*	
						Europeans.	Indians.	Regular.	Miscellaneous.	Regular.	Miscellaneous.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
I.—Magistrates.											
Special Magistrates	93,686	19,549,372	21	29	115	13	77	3,031	1,459	...	...
Honorary Magistrates sitting singly—											
2nd and 3rd class						1	71	6,558	2,644	...	...
1st class						2	66	9,358	6,503	...	...
Benches of Magistrates						...	196	9,654	2,094	...	...
Stipendiary Magistrates—											
2nd and 3rd class						9	270	39,072	23,700	...	...
1st class ... Ordinary powers ...						28	137	35,161	24,622	282	11
1st class ... Section 30 powers ..						...	...	1,743	2,549	755	109
Chief Magistrates of Districts ...						26	3	1,454	809	3,561	717
Total ...	96,686	19,549,372	21	29	115	79	820	106,031	64,440	4,598	837
II.—Courts of Sessions	...	...	...	...	...	14	8	770	9	6,799	69
III.—Chief Court	...	...	...	...	...	7	2	171	...	842	...
Grand Total ...	93,686	19,549,372	21	29	115	100	830	106,972	64,449	12,239	906

PROVINCIAL STATEMENT

STATEMENT OF OFFENCES REPORTED AND OF PERSONS TRIED, CONVICTED AND

Description of Offence.	Serial No.	Offences reported.		Complaints dismissed under Section 203, Criminal Procedure Code.	
		Pending from previous years.	During the year.	Without reference to the Police	After reference to the Police.
1	2	3	4	5	6
A.—Offences under the Penal Code.					
Offences against the State. — Chap. VI. Secs. 121 to 130	1	...	2	...	...
Offences against the Army and Navy. — „ VII. „ 131 to 140	2	5	43	1	...
Offences against the public tranquility. — „ VIII. „ 143 to 145, 149 to 151, 157, 158, Unlawful Assembly	3	10	102	31	2
„ „ 147, 148, 152 and 153 to 156, Rioting, &c. ...	4	95	756	648	25
„ „ 160 Affray	5	2	56	...	...
Offences by or relating to public servants. — „ IX „ 161 to 169. By public servants	6	14	200	76	30
„ „ 161, 170 and 171. Relating to public servants ...	7	21	113	35	21
Contempts of the lawful authority of public servants. — „ X „ 172 to 190	8	93	1,125	103	...
False evidence and offences against public officers. — „ XI „ 193 to 200. False evidence or subordination, &c., of public servants.	9	55	406	60	7
„ „ 201 to 229. Offences against public justice ...	10	56	597	146	10
Offences relating to coin and Government stamps. — „ XII „ 231 to 254. Offences relating to coin	11	1	34	1	...
„ „ 255 to 263. Offences relating to stamps ...	12	...	7	1	...
Offences relating to weights and measures. — „ XIII „ 264 to 267	13	...	29	6	...
Offences affecting the public health, safety, conveniences, decency and morals. — „ XIV „ 269 to 278. Offences affecting public health ...	14	8	172	33	...
„ „ 279 to 289. Offences affecting safety	15	1	78	11	3
„ „ 290 & 291. Offences affecting convenience ...	16	11	140	33	...
„ „ 292 to 294. Offences affecting decency and morals	17	...	27	6	...
„ „ 294 A. Keeping lottery office or publishing proposals for lottery	18	...	3	1	...
Offences relating to religion. — „ XV „ 295 to 298	19	8	210	131	...
Offences affecting the human body. — „ XVI „ 302 and 303. Murder	20	6	525	14	11
„ „ 307. Attempt at murder	21	12	178	48	6
„ „ 304. Culpable homicide	22	26	266	4	3
„ „ 304 A. Causing death by rash or negligent act ...	23	3	57	3	...
„ „ 308. Attempt at culpable homicide	24	...	6	...	...
„ „ 305 and 306. Abetment of suicide	25	...	10	7	...
„ „ 309. Attempted suicide	26	2	128	10	...
„ „ 311. Thuggee, &c.	27	...	2		
„ „ 312 to 315. Causing miscarriage	28	1	33	26	2
„ „ 316. Injury to unborn children	29	...	...	...	...
„ „ 317. Exposure of infants	30	3	47	24	1
„ „ 318. Concealment of birth by secret disposal of dead body.	31	...	15	...	...
„ „ 325 to 331 and 333. Hurt with aggravating circumstances.	32	169	3,448	665	41
„ „ 323, 324, 332 & 334 to 338. Other cases ...	33	1,089	40,007	12,799	80
„ „ 341. Wrongful restraint	34	31	1,303	608	1
„ „ 342 to 348. Wrongful confinement	35	32	1,068	596	13
„ „ 352 to 358. Criminal force or assault... ...	36	139	4,055	1,742	8
„ „ 364, 366, 367. Kidnapping or forcible abduction, with aggravating circumstances.	37	31	681	395	25
„ „ 363, 365, 368, 369. Other cases	38	71	1,403	662	66
„ „ 370, 371. Slavery	39	...	28	17	2
„ „ 372 and 373. Buying or selling a minor for the purposes of prostitution.	40	...	12	10	...
„ „ 374. Forced labour	41	...	10	4	...
„ „ 376. Rape	42	12	324	89	17
„ „ 377. Unnatural offences	46	4	110	13	1
Carried over ...		2,073	58,816	19,059	375

No. II—(CRIMINAL).

ACQUITTED OF EACH CLASS OF OFFENCE IN THE PUNJAB DURING THE YEAR 1919.

Other cases struck off as false	Cases found to be true.		Pending at the end of the year	Number of cases brought to trial during the year.	Persons.						Serial No.
	Previous years.	Year under report.			Under trial during the year.	Discharged in consequence of the non-attendance of the complainant or the withdrawal of the complaint.	Acquitted or discharged on other grounds.	Convicted.	Died, escaped or transferred to another Province or trial postponed in consequence of insanity.	Remaining under trial at the close of the year.	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
...	...	2	...	2	6	...	6	...	...	...	1
2	5	38	2	45	76	...	33	38	1	4	2
31	6	41	1	45	272	6	110	71	4	81	3
159	72	803	144	929	6,905	738	3,521	1,660	19	967	4
...	2	55	1	58	203	2	78	120	3	...	5
...	28	61	19	114	164	12	78	55	3	16	6
2	7	54	15	71	103	...	39	49	...	15	7
7	86	926	96	1,098	1,794	121	791	712	3	167	8
6	54	288	46	378	492	75	195	139	2	81	9
20	38	390	49	469	773	87	293	262	3	128	10
3	...	31	...	29	41	5	25	11	...	...	11
...	...	6	...	7	10	...	4	6	...	...	12
...	...	23	...	23	31	1	20	10	...	...	13
12	2	116	17	98	307	23	101	145	...	38	14
7	1	51	6	53	77	16	33	22	...	6	15
...	9	101	8	112	348	81	155	83	...	29	16
1	...	20	...	20	44	12	11	21	...	...	17
...	...	2	...	2	3	2	1	...	...	...	18
5	5	70	7	76	242	109	103	15	...	15	19
38	55	419	56	461	1,044	30	404	415	7	188	20
14	9	98	15	111	211	1	47	105	1	57	21
44	28	192	21	241	620	6	222	314	7	71	22
13	1	40	3	43	91	...	29	42	...	20	23
...	...	6	...	7	8	1	...	6	...	1	24
1	...	2	...	2	3	1	1	1	...	...	25
16	3	95	6	93	94	...	20	69	1	4	26
...	...	2	...	2	6	1	5	...	...	...	27
...	...	5	1	5	8	1	7	...	...	...	28
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29
8	3	12	2	12	14	1	7	5	...	1	30
1	...	13	1	11	16	...	9	6	...	1	31
525	128	1,994	264	2,213	5,874	1,480	2,074	1,685	10	625	32
171	728	26,179	1,139	24,336	62,385	37,115	18,489	3,399	124	3,258	33
15	19	642	49	637	1,951	650	1,054	117	...	130	34
27	18	383	63	386	1,339	474	463	250	1	151	35
63	103	2,167	111	2,107	5,153	2,367	1,859	696	4	227	36
29	20	201	42	242	970	52	617	206	2	93	37
172	53	432	89	490	1,894	132	779	255	2	226	38
...	...	4	5	4	11	...	8	3	...	...	39
...	...	2	...	2	7	...	7	...	...	...	40
...	...	6	...	5	9	...	9	...	...	...	41
41	8	162	19	178	280	31	101	115	1	32	42
15	4	77	4	82	102	...	30	62	...	10	43
1,448	1,495	36,211	2,301	35,299	93,451	43,633	31,838	11,170	198	6,642	

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Description of Offence.	Serial No.	Offences Reported.		Complaints dismissed under Section 203, Criminal Procedure Code.	
		Pending from previous years.	During the year.	Without reference to the Police.	After reference to the Police.
1	2	3	4	5	6
Brought forward		2,073	58,816	19,059	375
Offences against property, Chapter XVII. — Sec. 382. Theft with aggravating circumstances	44	...	62	23	2
Secs. 279 to 381 and 401. Other cases	45	474	14,797	3,897	312
„ 386 to 389. Extortion with aggravating circumstances ...	46	1	98	37	4
„ 384 and 385. Other cases	47	23	624	428	8
Sec. 394, Robery. — With hurt	48	13	133	61	3
„ 392, Robery. — Other cases	49	55	1,157	726	63
„ 393, Robery. — Attempts	50	...	21	11	1
„ 396, Dacoity. — With murder	51	...	11	2	...
Secs. 397 & 398, Dacoity. — With attempt to cause death or grievous hurt ...	52	5	34	7	...
Sec. 395, „ 399, Dacoity. — Attempted robery or dacoity when armed with deadly weapons.	53	6	187	89	10
Secs. 400 & 402, Dacoity. — Other cases	54	8	104	21	2
„ 403 and 404. Criminal misappropriation of property ...	55	40	1,427	608	2
„ 406 to 409. Criminal breach of trust...	56	276	5,752	3,265	43
„ 411 to 414. Receiving or habitually dealing in stolen or plundered property.	57	165	2,545	96	11
„ 417 to 420. Cheating	58	238	4,837	2,939	55
„ 421 to 424. Fraudulent deeds, or disposition of property ...	59	...	53	23	...
„ 429 to 433 and 435 to 440, Mischief. — With aggravating circumstances ...	60	59	1,155	460	13
„ 426 to 428 and 434, Mischief. — Other cases	61	128	4,129	1,711	9
„ 459 & 460, 449 to 452, Criminal Trespass. — Resulting in death or grievous hurt ...	62	3	31	5	1
„ 454, 455, 457 & 458, Criminal Trespass. — For commission of serious offences ...	63	551	9,415	1,561	407
„ 453 & 456, 447, 448, Criminal Trespass. — Other serious cases	64	18	1,843	85	1
„ 461 & 462, Criminal Trespass. — Minor cases	65	261	8,675	3,626	11
Offences relating to documents and to trade or property mark, Chapter XVIII. — „ 465 to 471 and 474. Forgery or uttering or possessing forged documents or papers.	66	21	310	171	3
„ 472 to 476. Counterfeiting or making or possessing a counterfeit seal, &c., for purpose of forgery.	67	...	8	4	...
Sec. 477. Fraudulently destroying or defacing a will or other document.	68	2	26	16	...
Secs. 482, 486, 487 and 488. Using a false trade or property mark and knowingly selling property so marked.	69	1	9	8	...
„ 483 to 485. Counterfeiting or making or possessing a die plate or instrument for counterfeiting a trade or property mark.	70	...	2	2	...
„ 489. Removing, destroying, &c., a trade or property mark with intent to cause injury.	71	...	41	7	...
Criminal breach of contracts of service, Chapter XIX Secs. 490 to 492	72	5	68	32	1
Offences relating to marriage, „ XX „ 493 to 498	73	511	9,309	3,963	23
Defamation ... ... „ XXI „ 500 to 502	74	56	1,028	588	3
Criminal intimidation, insult or annoyance, „ XXII — Sec. 506. The threat being to cause death or other grievous hurt.	75	2	215	168	...
Criminal intimidation, insult or annoyance, „ XXII — Secs. 504 to 510. Other cases	76	204	4,864	1,733	5
Total		5,199	131,791	45,332	1,373

No. II—(CRIMINAL)—*continued.*

Other cases struck off as false.	Cases found to be true.		Pending at the end of the year.	Number of cases brought to trial during the year.	Persons.						Serial No.
	Previous years.	Year under report.			Under trial during the year.	Discharged in consequence of the non-attendance of the complainant or the withdrawal of the complaint.	Acquitted or discharged on other grounds.	Convicted.	Died, escaped or transferred to another Province or trial, postponed in consequence of insanity.	Remaining under trial at the close of the year.	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
1,448	1,495	36,211	2,301	35,299	93,481	43,633	31,838	11,170	198	6,642	
...	...	35	2	35	61	4	24	31	...	2	44
1,427	274	8,607	754	6,928	13,937	1,726	6,797	4,493	47	874	45
4	2	50	2	34	65	5	29	22	..	9	46
2	10	161	38	170	498	79	348	27	1	43	47
19	8	49	11	67	147	6	58	65	1	17	48
83	21	249	65	250	639	179	251	138	...	71	49
...	...	5	4	7	20	...	12	..	...	8	50
2	..	7	...	11	40	...	15	19	...	6	51
1	...	25	6	28	81	1	34	37	1	8	52
7	4	67	16	59	345	20	182	64	...	79	53
10	7	59	13	52	283	27	122	100	...	34	54
14	27	754	62	729	1,451	355	855	144	...	97	55
134	113	2,154	319	2,257	3,229	693	1,939	347	5	245	56
458	105	1,830	210	1,983	2,768	181	1,026	1,337	17	207	57
109	141	1,646	285	1,761	3,308	653	1,822	482	6	345	58
14	...	14	2	12	28	3	20	1	...	4	59
97	32	547	65	540	1,305	228	740	195	3	139	60
5	85	2,296	151	2,172	5,631	2,686	2,089	518	..	338	61
...	3	23	2	33	78	...	47	19	...	12	62
937	257	6,321	483	3,139	5,555	699	1,864	2,535	10	447	63
119	6	1,634	16	357	618	16	273	286	...	43	64
42	174	4,722	361	4,647	13,942	6,312	5,463	981	6	1,180	65
4	15	109	29	144	281	43	113	50	...	75	66
...	...	4	...	4	5	...	4	...	...	1	67
...	3	7	2	11	27	15	6	2	...	4	68
...	...	1	1	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	69
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	70
2	...	32	...	2	3	...	1	2	...	...	71
...	1	37	2	33	51	20	12	18	1	...	72
7	293	4,863	671	5,096	12,702	5,567	4,658	851	35	1,591	73
...	38	404	51	431	841	438	293	32	1	77	74
...	1	40	8	41	100	64	32	3	...	1	75
...	99	3,041	190	2,842	5,974	3,537	1,776	372	3	286	76
4,945	3,214	76,004	6,122	69,175	167,495	67,190	62,744	24,341	335	12,885	

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Description of Offence.	Serial No.	Offences reported.		Complaints dismissed under Section 203, Criminal Procedure Code.	
		Pending from previous years.	During the year.	Without reference to the Police.	After reference to the Police.
1	2	3	4	5	6
B.—Offences under Special and Local Laws.					
Proceedings under the Code of Criminal Procedure—					
Security for keeping the peace	77	718	16,749	8,263	227
„ „ good behaviour	78	197	4,142	71	95
Breach of Laws relating to—					
Wandering and Dangerous Lunatics Act XXXVI of 1858	79	...	2	...	...
Contract—Workmen Act XIII of 1859	80	132	3,120	1,275	...
Contract by workmen on Railways and other Public Works Act IX of 1860	81	...	23	12	...
Police Act V of 1861...	82	99	5,415	5	...
Foreigners Act III of 1864 and III of 1915	83	...	...	...	...
Gambling Act III of 1867	84	10	47	...	...
Cattle Trespass Act I of 1871	85	104	4,243	1,672	...
City Chaukidars Act XX of 1856 and XXII of 1871	86	4	67	11	...
Vagrancy, European Act IX of 1874	87	...	2	...	...
Opium Act I of 1878	88	14	149	1	...
Treasure Trove Act VI of 1878	89	...	1	...	...
Canals Act VIII of 1873	90	117	3,933	1,022	...
Arms, Ammunition and Military Stores Act XI of 1878	91	28	430	1	1
Ferries Act XVII of 1878	92	1	15	1	...
Hackney and Stage Carriages Act XVI of 1861 and XIV of 1879	93	79	2,887	96	...
Vaccination Act XIII of 1880	94	...	288	120	...
Punjab Laws Act IV of 1872, XV of 1875, XII of 1878 and XXIV of 1881	95	1	96	...	...
Indian Trusts Act II of 1882	96	...	...	...	...
Salt and Saltpetre Act XII of 1882	97	1	54	...	...
District Boards Act XX of 1883	98	1	12	...	...
Telegraph Act XIII of 1885	99	...	29	...	...
Income-tax Act VII of 1918	100	...	12	...	...
Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act VI of 1886	101	...	...	...	...
Printing Presses Act XXV of 1867 and X of 1890	102	...	4	...	...
Forest Act VII of 1878 and V of 1890	103	29	417	2	...
Railways Act IX of 1890	104	28	671	16	...
Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act XI of 1890	105	1	1,476	122	...
Marriages, Christian, Act XV of 1872 and II of 1891	106	...	...	...	...
Legal Practitioners Act XVIII of 1879, IX of 1884 and XI of 1896	107	...	...	...	...
Fisheries Act IV of 1897	108	...	34	...	...
Post Office Act VI of 1898	109	2	31	...	...
Stamps Act II of 1899	110	1	4	...	...
Carriers Act X of 1899	111	...	...	...	...
Indian Petroleum Act VIII of 1899	112	...	...	...	...
Farey and Glanders Act XIII of 1891	113	...	...	...	...
Carried over ...	...	1,567	44,353	12,690	323

No. II—(CRIMINAL)—*continued.*

Other cases struck off as false.	CASES FOUND TO BE TRUE.		Pending at the end of the year.	Number of cases brought to trial during the year.	PERSONS.						Serial No.
	Previous years.	Year under report.			Under trial during the year.	Discharged in consequence of the non-attendance of the complainant or the withdrawal of the complaint.	Acquitted or discharged on other grounds	Convicted.	Died, escaped or transferred to another Province or trial postponed in consequence of insanity.	Remaining under trial at the close of the year.	
7	8	9	0	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
222	352	7,789	6'4	8,268	41,116	9,559	17,247	12,425	27	1,858	77
185	179	3,556	253	3,880	4,179	25	890	2,903	17	344	78
...	...	2	...	2	2	...	2	...	...	...	79
9	62	1,840	66	1,687	1,891	736	911	181	...	63	80
...	...	11	...	3	3	1	2	...	...	...	81
42	24	5,332	111	5,360	5,649	8	182	4,909	...	50	82
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	83
4	10	42	1	55	310	...	100	208	1	1	84
1	70	2,484	120	2,325	7,410	4,050	2,344	731	5	280	85
...	4	50	6	55	136	2	48	64	...	22	86
1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	87
5	11	142	4	159	194	...	44	134	1	15	88
...	...	1	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	89
3	146	2,783	96	2,959	9,683	3,694	3,589	1,796	11	593	90
30	14	381	31	396	464	10	130	287	2	35	91
...	1	11	3	12	45	...	33	8	...	4	92
...	77	2,694	99	2,766	2,883	5	532	2,310	...	36	93
...	...	168	...	169	205	...	127	78	...	...	94
1	1	92	3	98	192	1	52	131	...	8	95
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	96
...	1	54	...	55	62	..	2	60	...	...	97
..	1	12	...	13	17	...	...	17	...	...	98
8	...	19	2	9	36	...	31	5	...	...	99
...	...	12	...	12	12	...	6	6	...	...	100
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	101
...	...	4	...	4	5	...	4	1	...	...	102
1	25	393	25	429	1,122	50	408	618	3	43	103
21	25	614	23	634	842	25	266	529	1	21	104
...	1	1,352	2	1,352	1,376	...	122	1,252	...	2	105
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	106
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	107
...	...	34	...	36	89	3	9	77	...	...	108
9	1	21	2	21	21	...	3	16	...	2	109
1	...	4	...	4	4	...	...	3	...	1	110
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	111
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	112
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	113
543	1,005	29,898	1,461	30,764	77,949	18,169	27,585	28,749	68	3,378	

Description of Offence.	Serial No.	Offences Reported.		Complaints dismissed under Section 203, Criminal Procedure Code.	
		Pending from previous years.	During the year.	Without reference to the Police.	After reference to the Police.
1	2	3	4	5	6
Brought forward ...		1,567	44,353	12,690	323
B.—Offences under Special and Local Laws—*concluded.*					
Breach of Laws relating to—					
Punjab Land Preservation (Chos) Act II of 1900	114	...	31	...	...
Regulation III of 1901, Frontier Crimes Regulation	115	...	534	44	...
Murderous Outrages Act Reg. IV of 1901	116	...	...	...	
Steam Boilers and Prime-Movers Act II of 1902	117	...	...	...	...
Prisons Act IX of 1894 and I of 1904	118	2	22	1	...
Punjab Minor Canals Act III of 1905	119	...	140	20	...
Provincial Insolvency Act III of 1907	120	...	...	...	...
Code of Civil Procedure Act V of 1908	121	...	...	...	...
Registration Act XVI of 1908	122	...	...	...	...
Emigration Act XVII of 1908	123	..	...	...	...
Electricity Act IX of 1910	124	...	3	...	...
Cantonments, Military Act IX of 1910	125	7	1,544	59	...
Criminal Tribes and Eunuchs Act III of 1911	126	125	699	21	5
Municipalities Act III of 1911 (Pb.)	127	113	5,201	414	7
Factories Act XII of 1911	128	...	94	...	...
Punjab Colonies Act V of 1912	129	4	99	2	...
Cantonment Code, 1912	130	10	2 264	1	...
Companies Act VII of 1913	131	1	3	...	...
Excise on Spirits and Drugs Act I of 1914 (Pb.)	132	25	325	...	...
Punjab Courts Act III of 1914	133	...	48	11	...
Indian Motor Vehicles Act VIII of 1914	134	1	172	1	...
Ingress in to India Ordinances Nos. III, IV, V and IX of 1914	135	...	12	..	...
Defence of India Act IV of 1915	136	4	31	1	...
Punjab Military Transport Animals Act I of 1916	137	...	117	...	...
Army Act of 1916	138	...	12	4	...
Indian Defence Force Act III of 1917	139	...	2	...	..
Restriction of Habitual Offenders Act V of 1918	140	3	673	3	...
Punjab Juvenile Smoking Act VII of 1918	141	...	...	...	...
Punjab Village and Small Towns Patrol Act VIII of 1918	142	...	3	...	...
Chaukidara Rules	143	2	147	...	1
Murree Rules	144	...	...	...	...
Offences under Criminal Procedure Code	145	1	1,384	393	...
Bye-Laws	146	...	34	...	...
Plague Manual	147	...	...	...	...
Insult of Court	148	...	16	...	...
Wild Birds and Animals Protection Act VIII of 1912	149	...	3	...	...
Petitions-writers Act VI of 1918	150	...	1	...	...
Act II of 1890	151	...	4	...	...
Total		1,865	57,971	13,665	336
Grand Total		(a) 7,064	189,762	58,997	1,709

(a) Includes one case of Ambala District which
Excludes 118 cases struck off as untraced

No. II—(CRIMINAL)—*concluded.*

Other cases struck off as false.	CASES FOUND TO BE TRUE.		Pending at the end of the year.	Number of cases brought to trial during the year.	PERSONS.						Serial No.
	Previous years.	Year under report.			Under trial during the year.	Discharged in consequence of the non-attendance of the complainant or the withdrawal of the complaint.	Acquitted or discharged on other grounds.	Convicted.	Died, escaped or transferred to another Province or trial postponed in consequence of insanity.	Remaining under trial at the close of the year.	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
543	1,005	29,898	1,461	30,764	77,949	18,169	27,585	28,749	63	3,373	
...	...	25	6	25	40	...	13	25	...	2	114
...	...	490	...	489	1,144	10	375	751	...	8	115
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	116
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	117
1	2	19	1	18	22	...	7	14	...	1	118
...	...	119	1	116	351	39	194	107	3	8	119
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	120
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	121
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	122
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	123
...	...	3	...	3	4	1	2	1	...	...	124
...	7	1,483	3	1,470	2,206	10	238	1,954	...	4	125
46	33	603	116	625	713	15	63	601	1	33	126
1	90	4,677	125	4,734	5,208	200	835	4,055	2	116	127
1	...	93	...	90	141	...	8	45	...	88	128
...	5	84	12	88	382	5	168	183	2	24	129
13	28	2,235	2	2,252	5,528	285	2,063	1,817	...	463	130
...	1	2	1	4	20	...	7	8	...	10	131
38	19	280	13	307	469	2	130	293	...	44	132
...	...	37	...	38	38	...	3	35	...	...	133
7	1	162	2	153	169	...	54	107	2	6	134
...	...	12	...	12	12	...	2	10	...	...	135
2	4	28	...	32	68	3	46	19	...	...	136
...	...	111	6	117	123	...	59	58	...	6	137
...	...	8	...	8	8	...	1	7	...	...	138
...	...	2	...	2	3	...	2	1	...	...	139
3	2	655	13	658	659	...	44	604	...	11	140
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	141
...	...	8	...	8	9	...	3	6	...	...	142
...	3	142	3	148	293	7	76	203	...	12	143
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	144
...	1	952	139	973	1,078	61	315	682	...	20	145
...	...	34	...	34	143	...	69	72	1	1	146
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	147
...	...	16	...	16	18	...	9	9	...	...	148
...	...	3	...	3	3	...	...	3	...	...	149
...	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	150
...	...	4	...	4	4	...	...	4	...	...	151
655	1,196	42,180	1,804	43,190	93,811	18,807	33,271	40,429	79	4,235	
5,600	4,410	118,184	7,926	112,365	264,306	85,997	96,015	64,760	414	17,120	

was not shown last year by the District Magistrate.
in the Kangra District and excludes 3 cases pending before the Sessions Court at the end of 1913 in the Rohtak District.

PROVINCIAL STATEMENT No. III—(CRIMINAL).

STATEMENT OF MISCELLANEOUS PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE CODE IN THE PUNJAB DURING THE YEAR 1919.

NATURE OF PROCEEDINGS.	TOTAL NUMBER FOR DISPOSAL (INCLUDING PENDING FROM PREVIOUS YEAR).		DISPOSED OF DURING THE YEAR.			REMAINING UNDER TRIAL.	
				Persons.			
	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Discharged.	Convicted.	Cases.	Persons.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1. Proceedings against witnesses under Chapter VI C, and section 435.	20	20	15	15	...	5	5
2. Proceedings under Chapter VIII to prevent breach of the peace,	8,579	41,898	8,186	27,063	(a) 12,948	393	1,864
3. Proceedings under Chapter VIII, security for good behaviour.	3,995	4,424	3,657	945	(b) 3,124	338	344
4. Proceedings against local nuisances, Chapter X.	231	751	221	557	144	10	50
5. Disputes as to immoveable property, Chapter XII.	292	1,061	277	926	86	15	39
6. Frivolous or vexatious accusations summarily dealt with under Chapter XX, section 250.	623	692	623	44	648	...	...
7. Non-attendance of Jurors or Assessors, Chapter XXIII.	1	1	1	1	...	...	...
8. Maintenance, Chapter XXXVI	817	844	778	635	170	39	39
9. Forfeiture of bonds under Chapter XLII	1,052	1,292	998	774	449	54	63
10. Proceedings under Chapter XLVI, section 563, against convicted offenders released under section 562.	83	85	83	18	67	...	...
TOTAL ...	15,693	(c) 51,068	14,839	30,988	17,636	854	2,409

(a) Includes 80 persons convicted under section 106, Criminal Procedure Code.
Ditto 443 ditto ditto 40, Frontier Crimes Regulation.
(b) Includes 8 persons convicted under section 562, Criminal Procedure Code.
Ditto 194 ditto ditto 41, Frontier Crimes Regulation.
Ditto 19 ditto ditto Act V of 1918.
(c) Includes 35 persons died, etc.

PROVINCIAL STATEMENT No. IV—(CRIMINAL).

STATEMENT SHOWING THE GENERAL RESULT OF CRIMINAL TRIALS IN THE TRIBUNALS OF VARIOUS CLASSES IN THE PUNJAB DURING THE YEAR 1919.

PROVINCIAL STATEMENT

STATEMENT SHOWING THE GENERAL RESULT OF CRIMINAL TRIALS IN THE TRIBUNALS

Class of Tribunals.	Number of persons for disposal.								Persons whose cases									
		Brought to trial during the year.										On regular trial.					On Sum	
												Sentence passed.			Youthful offenders dealt with under section 31, Act VIII of 1897.		Sentence passed.	
	Remaining at end of last year.	Under arrest otherwise than upon warrant.	Upon warrant.	On summons.	Voluntarily.	Received on reference.	Received by transfer from another district.	Total.	Died, escaped or transferred to another Province.	Discharged	Acquitted.	Appealable.	Non-Appealable.	Released on probation under section 562, Criminal Procedure Code.	Discharged after admonition.	Delivered to parents or guardians, &c.	Appealable.	Non-appealable.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
I.—Magistrate.																		
Special Magistrates ...	719	38	926	8,402	200	...	1	10,286	13	1,495	6,227	1,695	...	...	...	...	...	...
Honorary Magistrates, 2nd and 3rd class	740	1,017	4,412	10,585	575	...	...	17,329	14	6,200	8,119	1,769	...	14	...	...	...	...
Honorary Magistrates, 1st class	1,466	3,969	6,107	12,348	782	...	...	24,672	40	9,615	7,543	3,986	1,833	33	...	...	...	21
Benches of Magistrates ...	1,069	2,141	4,897	12,635	791	...	...	21,233	18	5,918	9,717	3,821	...	5	...	...	300	...
Stipendiary Magistrates other than Chief Magistrates of districts—																		
2nd and 3rd class ...	4,400	8,416	19,947	63,532	3,511	...	...	99,806	110	26,251	53,263	14,095	32	78	...	...	...	30
1st class Ordinary powers	5,711	19,912	15,594	39,115	2,269	...	2	82,603	152	29,210	14,421	14,701	10,645	147	...	2	992	5,339
1st class With section 30 powers.	543	3,160	1,020	232	29	...	3	5,017	11	1,385	903	1,932	31	3	...	...	...	...
Cases referred under section 349, Criminal Procedure Code, to the district or Sub-Divisional Magistrates.	2	8	2	...	...	90	...	102	...	12	10	34	39	7	...	...	...	...
Chief Magistrates of Districts, Under ordinary powers.	240	1,037	334	1,269	46	...	...	2,926	...	666	518	1,221	93	3	...	...	7	247
Chief Magistrates of Districts, Under section 30 powers	12	201	27	8	1	...		249	1	64	35	126	13	1	...	...	...	...
Total ...	14,902	39,899	52,796	148,326	8,204	90	6	264,223	354	80,816	100,756	43,570	12,676	291	...	2	1,299	6,131
II.—Courts of Sessions.																		
Original trials	111	...	...	...	...	1,160	52	1,323	47	...	504	477	2	...	...	...	...	...
References under section 374, Criminal Procedure Code.	14	...	...	...	...	230	...	244	...	...	11	141	67	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	125	...	...	...	...	1,390	52	1,567	17	...	515	618	69	...	...	...	...	...
III.—Chief Court.																		
Original trials	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	5	...	2	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
References under section 374, Criminal Procedure Code.	60	...	...	...	...	(b) 191	...	251	2	...	37	...	179	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	60	...	...	...	...	196	...	256	2	2	38	...	180	...	...	...	...	...
Grand Total ...	15,087	39,899	52,796	148,326	8,204	1,676	58	266,046	373	80,818	101,309	44,188	12,925	291	...	2	1,299	6,131

(a) *Includes* 5 persons referred to

(b) *Excludes*— Persons referred to / Persons on whom sentence
And includes persons referred by the

(c) *Represents the cases in which*

(d) *Excludes cases withdrawn*

No. IV—(Criminal).

OF VARIOUS CLASSES IN THE PUNJAB DURING THE YEAR 1919.

WHERE DISPOSED OF.							Number of cases disposed of.													
VICTED.								Summons cases.		Warrant cases.										
MARY TRIAL.																				
Released on probation under section 562, Criminal Procedure Code.	Youthful offenders dealt with under section 31, Act VIII of 1897.		Committed or referred.	Total.	Persons remaining at the end of the year.	Number of cases brought to trial.	Enquiries under Chapter XVIII.	Tried regularly.	Tried summarily.	Tried regularly.	Tried summarily.	Convictions.	Case compounded.	Acquittals and discharges after judicial enquiry or trial.	Other acquittals and discharges.	Total.	Percentage of 32 a+32b on the total of 32 a+b+c.	Number of cases pending.	Number of cases pending over three months.	Average number of days during which each case lasted.	Number of witnesses examined.
	Discharged after admonition.	Delivered to parents or guardians, etc.																		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32a	32b	32c	32d	32e	33	34	35	36	37
...	...	...	...	9,630	656	2,981	...	2,986	...	35	...	910	730	786	555	3,031	63	196	24	31	5,197
...	...	...	8	16,119	1,210	6,702	..	1,679	...	4,570	...	1,260	3,079	1,510	760	6,558	74	400	63	23	12,775
2	...	6	94	23,073	1,599	9,364	43	2,930	17	6,329	9	3,215	2,933	2,443	917	9,356	71	630	104	27	24,745
...	...	...	2	10,776	1,457	9,736	2	4,480	279	4,913	...	3,058	3,202	2,148	668	9,654	76	594	60	24	13,867
6	...	...	72	93,937	6,869	39,439	12	14,512	20	24,528	...	10,115	10,949	9,980	2,928	33,972	74	2,110	178	21	69,211
33	6	...	995	77,332	5,871	35,117	351	10,504	6,234	17,021	397	30,097	3,540	10,325	1,301	35,161	74	2,097	360	24	109,936
1	...	...	65	4,231	686	1,729	19	8	...	1,716	...	1,111	13	592	2	1,743	65	241	55	52	21,589
...	...	...	...	102	...	75	...	4	3	71	...	69	...	9	...	78	89	...	...	46	27
1	...	...	15	2,761	165	1,375	12	169	197	819	69	895	101	279	11	1,386	72	80	25	11	2,541
...	...	...	1	241	6	86	1	...	...	89	...	64	...	23	3	90	76	6	...	33	83
43	6	6	1,247	2,47,202	17,031	1,06,559	444	37,312	6,800	61,000	475	4,1414	30,347	27,208	7,067	1,06,061	73	6,368	872	23	260,719
...	...	...	(a) 212	1,212	111	554	...	...	...	533	...	439	...	116	10	555	78	53	8	37	8,653
17	...	...	...	233	6	236	...	...	...	235	...	234	...	11	...	235	95	7	...	33	120
17	...	...	212	1,445	119	790	...	...	...	770	...	683	...	127	10	770	83	60	8	37	8,773
...	...	...	...	4	1	4	...	...	...	2	...	1	...	1	1	3	50	1	...	05	33
...	...	...	...	219	33	152	...	...	...	168	...	128	...	13	(c) 2	168	92	24	...	50	...
...	...	...	...	223	34	153	...	...	...	170	...	154	...	14	3	171	92	25	...	51	33
65	6	6	1,459	2,48,872	17,174	107,505	444	37,312	6,800	61,240	475	42,291	30,347	27,344	7,080	106,973	72	6,448	880	23	269,523

Councils of Elders.

Councils of Elders. 19
of death was passed twice or thrice 5
Sessions Judges, Delhi ... ...

the appellant have died.

by Government.

PROVINCIAL STATEMENT

STATEMENT SHOWING THE PUNISHMENTS INFLICTED BY THE VARIOUS

Class of Tribunals.	Persons sentenced to														
		Transportation.			Imprisonment.				Fine.		Whipping.		Persons sentenced to find or give		
					Rigorous.										
	Death.	For life.	For a term.	Penal servitude.	With solitary confinement.	Without solitary confinement.	Simple.	Forfeiture of property.	With imprisonment or transportation	Without imprisonment or transportation.	In addition to other punishment.	In lieu of other punishment.	Sureties to keep the peace.	Recognizance to keep the peace.	Sureties for good behaviour.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
I.—Magistrates.															
Special Magistrates	..	...	...	...	4	107	46	...	104	1,735	...	...	...	...	...
Honorary Magistrates { 2rd and 3rd class.	...	...	..	...	77	319	89	...	315	1,327	...	...	...	...	8
Honorary Magistrates { 1st class ...	...	...	.	...	499	848	109	...	645	1,444	1	135	1,74	47	653
Benches of Magistrates	.	...	...	...	25	148	32	...	97	3,911	...	...	...	...	3
Stipendiary Magistrates other than Chief Magistrates of districts—															
2nd and 3rd class	...	...	...	...	235	4,512	229	...	1,793	11,091	1	2	...	...	14
1st class { Ordinary powers ..	...	...	...	...	2,201	5,086	317	...	2.491	10,735	13	5 3	10,532	276	2,222
1st class { Section 30 powers ...	...	...	...	...	1,192	609	16	...	457	42	2	21	2	...	2
Cases referred under section 349, Criminal Procedure Code, to the District or Sub-Divisional Magistrates ..	...	...	...	...	8	12	2	..	2	1	...	45	...	...	1
Chief Magistrates of districts. { Under ordinary powers	...	...	...	...	219	133	9	...	160	426	2	32	418	5	245
Chief Magistrates of districts. { ,, section 30 powers	...	...	..	...	66	51	7	...	26	6	4	2	2	...	...
Total ...		...	...	...	4,776	9,836	806	...	6,090	30,718	23	740	12,693	328	3,148
II.—Courts of Sessions.															
Original trials	...	141	19	...	112	198	1	6	21	33	...	...	...	...	...
References	...	...	...	...	108	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	54
Total ..	...	141	19	...	220	198	1	6	21	33	...	...	3	...	54
III.—High Court.															
Original trials	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
References under section 374, Criminal Procedure Code.	150	21	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	150	21	...	...	1	8	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grand Total ...	150	162	19	...	4,997	10,042	807	6	6,112	30,751	23	740	12,696	328	3,202

No. V—(CRIMINAL).

CRIMINAL TRIBUNALS IN THE PUNJAB DURING THE YEAR 1919.

Persons imprisoned in default of furnishing security for good behaviour.		Detail of Punishment.																			
		Fine.										Imprisonment.									
												15 *days and under.*		6 *months and under.*		2 *years and under.*		*Above* 2 *years.*		*Above* 7 *years.*	
Rigorous.	Simple.	Rs. 10 and under.	Rs. 50 and under.	Rs. 100 and under.	Rs. 500 and under.	Rs. 1,000 and under.	Above Rs 1,000.	Total amount of fine imposed.	Amount realized.	Amount ordered by way of compensation.	Amount paid by way of compensation.	Rigorous.	Simple.	Rigorous.	Simple.	Rigorous.	Simple.	Rigorous.	Simple.	Rigorous.	Simple.
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38
								Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.										
...	...	1,070	739	30	...	...		24,191	23,160	1,334	549	47	25	64	21	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	1,008	566	59	12	...	..	29,700	24,279	1,872	1,005	50	35	346	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
66	5	801	923	275	87	3	...	70,800	49,811	8,954	4,255	80	73	742	33	786	8	5	...	...	...
...	...	3,665	311	17	15	...	...	21,107	20,093	636	248	42	28	131	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	8,310	3,953	509	112	...	...	1,88,277	1,54,878	12,485	5,101	393	141	2,372	88	82	...	...	...	...	...
248	24	8,760	2,834	1,100	490	42		3,47,429	2,17,001	48,425	14,680	420	163	3,122	140	3,871	35	72	...	...	...
...	...	27	193	142	121	14	2	56,881	17,564	11,586	888	8	9	172	6	741	1	940	...	...	...
...	...	1	2	...	...	..	...	210	210	...	...	1	1	12	1	8	...	...	...	...	...
1	...	307	104	65	74	16		40,363	43,350	26,499	29,014	4	7	57	2	157	...	135	...	...	...
...	...	...	15	7	7	...	3	53,340	856	1,949	100	3	5	7	2	24	...	83	...	...	...
315	29	23,949	9,640	2,221	918	75	5	8,31,798	5,51,207	1,03,740	55,790	1,048	487	7,025	301	5,619	47	1,285	...	...	...
...	...	2	8	22	...	1	...	4,828	500	2,710	...	3	1	21	...	40	...	169	...	77	...
77	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	32	...	153	...	...	...
77	...	2	8	22	...	1	...	4,828	500	2,710	...	3	1	21	...	72	...	323	...	77	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	30,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	30,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	8	...
392	29	23,951	9,648	2,243	918	76	6	8,66,626	5,51,707	1,11,450	55,790	1,051	488	7,046	301	5,691	47	1,556	...	85	...

PROVINCIAL STATEMENT No. V-A—(CRIMINAL).

STATEMENT SHOWING THE PARTICULARS OF WHIPPINGS INFLICTED BY THE CRIMINAL TRIBUNALS OF THE PUNJAB DURING THE YEAR 1919.

PART I.

Showing whippings inflicted under sections 3 and 4, Act IV of 1909, in lieu of other punishments.

OFFENCES FOR WHICH AWARDED.	NUMBER OF PERSONS AWARDED.			TOTAL.
	5 to 10 stripes.	11 to 20 stripes.	21 to 30 stripes.	
1	2	3	4	5
In lieu of other punishments.				
1. Theft, as defined in section 378 of the Indian Penal Code other than theft by a clerk or servant of property in possession of his master.	77	146	75	298
2. Theft in a building, tent or vessel, as defined in section 380 of the said Code ...	22	56	29	107
3. Theft after preparation for causing death or hurt as defined in section 382 of the said Code.	3	26	7	36
4. Lurking house-trespass or house-breaking, as defined in sections 443 and 445 of the said Code, in order to the committing of any offence punishable with whipping under this section.	12	37	15	64
5. Lurking house-trespass by night or house-breaking by night, as defined in sections 444 and 446 of the said Code, in order to the committing of any offence punishable with whipping under this section.	11	64	59	134
6. Abetting, committing or attempting to commit, rape, as defined in section 375 of the said Code.	...	11	1	12
7. Compelling or inducing any person by fear of bodily injury, to submit to an unnatural offence as defined in section 377 of the said Code.	2	12	4	18
8. Voluntarily causing hurt in committing or attempting to commit robbery, as defined in section 390 of the said Code.	...	4	1	5
9. Committing dacoity as defined in section 391 of the said Code	...	4	...	4
10. Criminal Tribes Act, III of 1911	...	5	1	6
11. Section 356, Indian Penal Code	...	1	...	1
12. „ 403, „ „ „	...	1	1	2
13. „ 411, „ „ „	1	1	1	3
Total	128	368	194	693

PART II.

Showing whippings inflicted in addition to other punishments, section 4, Act IV of 1909.

In addition to other punishments.				
1. Abetting, committing or attempting to commit, rape, as defined in section 375 of the Indian Penal Code.	1	1	3	5
2. Compelling or inducing any person by fear of bodily injury, to submit to an unnatural offence as defined in section 377 of the said Code.	...	3	...	3
3. Voluntarily causing hurt in committing or attempting to commit robbery, as defined in section 390 of the said Code.	...	5	1	6
4. Committing daecity as defined in section 391 of the said Code	...	1	...	1
5. Section 379, Indian Penal Code	...	...	3	3
6. Do. 380, ditto ditto ditto	...	1	1	2
7. Do. 457 ditto ditto ditto	...	3	...	3
Total	1	14	8	23

No. V.-A.—CONCLUDED.

PART III.

Showing whippings inflicted under section 5, Act IV of 1909, on juveniles for offences other than those specified in Parts I and II.

Offences.	Number of persons awarded.			Total.
	5 to 10 stripes.	11 to 20 stripes.	21 to 30 stripes.	
1	2	3	4	5
1. Section 324, Indian Penal Code	...	1	...	1
2. Do. 325, ditto ditto ditto	...	1	...	1
3. Do. 336, ditto ditto ditto	...	1	...	1
4. Do. 376, ditto ditto ditto	...	1	...	1
5. Do. 379, ditto ditto ditto	8	12	...	20
6. Do. 380, ditto ditto ditto	1	...	...	1
7. Do. 381, ditto ditto ditto	3	...	...	3
8. Do. 394, ditto ditto ditto	...	2	...	2
9. Do. 392, ditto ditto ditto	...	1	...	1
10. Do. 411, ditto ditto ditto	1	3	...	4
11. Do. 451, ditto ditto ditto	...	1	...	1
12. Do. 454, ditto ditto ditto	1	2	...	3
13. Do. 456, ditto ditto ditto	1	...	...	1
14. Do. 457, ditto ditto ditto	4	2	2	8
15. Do. 19 of Act II of 1873	1	...	...	1
16. Do. 52 of Post Office Act, VI of 1898	...	1	...	1
Total	20	28	2	50

PART IV.

Showing relative number of times whipping was awarded, as compared with other punishments.

Punishments.	Number.
1	2
1. Total number of whippings awarded	763
2. Total number of other punishments in cases in which whipping might have been awarded.	30·76
3. Total number of all punishments in cases in which whipping might have been awarded (total of headings 1 and 2).	3,839
4. Percentage of whippings on total number of all punishments (percentage of heading 1 on heading 3).	19·87

PROVINCIAL STATEMENT No. VI—(CRIMINAL).

STATEMENT SHOWING THE RESULT OF APPEALS AND REVISIONS IN CRIMINAL CASES IN THE PUNJAB DURING THE YEAR 1919.

TRIBUNALS.	NUMBER OF PERSONS.											AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAYS DURING WHICH EACH APPEAL LASTED.	REMARKS SHOWING NUMBER OF PERSONS DEALT WITH UNDER SECTION 106 (3) OF THE CODE, OR UNDER SECTION 8, CLAUSE (2), OF THE REFORMATORY SCHOOLS ACT
	Total number of appellants and applicants for revision before the Courts.	Died, escaped or transferred.	Appeals or applications rejected.	Sentence or order confirmed after hearing.	Sentence enhanced.	Sentence reduced or otherwise altered.	Sentence or order reversed.	Proceedings quashed.	New trial or commitment ordered.	Referred for revision to the Chief Court.	Pending trial.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
APPEALS.													
To—													
District Magistrates ...	8,280	1	1,879	2,704	...	1,042	2,007	26	72	...	549	18	
Courts of Sessions ...	9,781	23	2,201	3,457	...	1,568	1,851	...	90	...	591	23	
Chief Court — By persons convicted.	1,495	5	35	753	...	126	178	...	10	...	388	68	
Chief Court — By Government from judgments of acquittal.	24	...	...	3	...	...	6	...	1	...	14	137	
Total ...	19,580	29	4,115	6,917	...	2,736	4,042	26	173	...	1,542	45	
REVISION.													
By—													
District Magistrates ...	2,736	...	1,941	...	...	...	...	...	561	52	179	16	
Courts of Sessions ...	2,268	...	1,652	...	...	...	...	...	184	133	299	30	
Chief Court ...	3,240	3	1,889	370	27	121	300	2	41	...	487	43	
Total ...	8,244	3	5,482	370	27	121	300	2	789	185	965	29	
GRAND TOTAL ..	27,824	32	9,597	7,287	27	2,857	4,342	28	962	185	2,507	26	

PROVINCIAL STATEMENT No. VII.—(CRIMINAL).

STATEMENT SHOWING THE USE OF JURIES AND ASSESSORS IN THE CRIMINAL COURTS IN THE PROVINCE OF THE PUNJAB IN THE YEAR 1919.

Classes of Courts in which Jurors or Assessors are employed.	Established or average number of Jury or Assessors in each case and prescribed qualifications.	Number of accused persons in Jury trials.				Number of accused persons in trials with Assessors.				Remarks.
		Tried.	*As to whom the Judge*			Tried.	*As to whom the Judge:*			
			Approved verdict.	Did not approve of verdict.	Made reference under section 307, Criminal Procedure Code.		Agreed with all the Assessors.	Differed from one or more, but not from all the Assessors.	Differed from all the Assessors.	
1	3	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Magistrates' Courts under Chapter X, Criminal Procedure Code—Jurors.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Courts of Sessions { Jurors	...	...	2	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Courts of Sessions { Assessors	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,146	916	79	151	
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NOTE ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN THE PUNJAB DURING THE YEAR 1920.

Area and population.

1. The area of the territories to which the statements relate is 96,686 square miles excluding the Biloch Trans-Frontier territory,* and the population, according to the Census of 1911, was 19,549,372. The figures of the Census of 1921 are not yet available.

Territorial jurisdiction.

2. During the year no change took place in the constitution and jurisdiction of the Criminal Courts in the Punjab. The number of the Judicial and Revenue Districts remained the same as last year, namely, 21 and 29, respectively.

Statement No. II.

Cases reported and found true.

3. The total number of offences reported during the year was 187,739 as compared with 189,762 in the previous year, showing a decrease of 2,023. The number of cases found by the Criminal Courts to be true, *i.e.*, cases other than those which were dismissed under section 203, Criminal Procedure Code, or in which the complaint was held to be false or frivolous, was 113,663 or 60 per cent. of the total number reported.

Cases brought to trial.

4. The number of cases brought to trial during the year, *i.e.*, true cases less those dealt with under sections 247 and 259 of the Criminal Procedure Code, was 110,197 and the number of persons involved in them was 262,996 as against 112,365 cases and 264,306 persons in the preceding year.

Statement No. I, columns 9—12.

Cases disposed of.

5. The total number of criminal cases disposed of during the year was 180,963 as compared with 184,566 in the previous year, showing a decrease of 3,603. Of the total number of decided cases 169,029 or 93·4 per cent. were original cases and 11,934 or 6·6 per cent. were cases in appeal and revision. The percentages for the previous year were 92 9 and 7·1.

Statement No. II.

Persons acquitted and discharged.

6. Of the 262,996 persons brought to trial 181,210 or 68·9 per cent. were acquitted or discharged, 60,611 or 23 per cent. were convicted, 311 or ·1 per cent. died, escaped or were transferred to another Province, and 20,864 or 8 per cent. remained under trial. In the previous year the percentages were 68·9, 24·46, ·16 and 6·48.

Of the 181,210 persons acquitted or discharged 85,046 or 46·9 per cent. were discharged in consequence of the non-appearance of the complainant or withdrawal of the complaint.

Indian Penal Code: offences reported and found true.

7. The number of cases reported under the Indian Penal Code fell from 131,791 to 130,185 and of cases admitted to have occurred, including offences reported during and pending from the previous year, from 79,218 to 77,028.

Indian Penal Code: persons brought to trial and convicted.

8. Of 168,277 persons brought to trial under the Indian Penal Code 21,153 or 12·62 per cent. were convicted. Of the 24,180 persons brought to trial under the Indian Penal Code whose cases were prosecuted by the Police 13,138 or 54·3 per cent. were convicted, but of the 144,097 persons tried on private complaints only 8,015 or 5·6 per cent. were convicted.

*Not within the jurisdiction of the High Court.

9. The following table shows the number of the more serious offences against property admitted to have occurred during the last four years :—

Serious offences against property.

Head of crime.	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.
Dacoity	109	84	169	111
Robbery	287	243	332	371
Theft	7,416	7,726	8,916	8,357
Receiving stolen property	1,704	1,541	1,935	1,924

10. The number of offences affecting life reported during the year and remaining pending from the previous year was 1,748 as against 1,382 in the previous year. Of these 1,250 were brought to trial and 1,236 were classified as true, of which 1,137 were reported in 1920. Out of this total 575 were cases of murder or of dacoity with murder, 105 cases of attempted murder and 248 cases of culpable homicide, the remaining falling under other heads. The number of persons brought to trial for murder (sections 302 and 396, Indian Penal Code), was 1,330, of whom 433 were convicted and 162 death sentences were pronounced by Sessions Judges subject to confirmation by the High Court. As this included two persons on each of whom two death sentences were passed and one person on whom three death sentences were pronounced, the number of persons whose cases were referred during the year to the High Court was 158 against 191 in the previous year.

Offences affecting life.

11. The figures for true cases of murder for the year 1920 returned by District Magistrates and those supplied by the Police are—

Murder cases returned by District Magistrates and reported by the Police.

District Magistrates	575
Police	550
Difference	25

As pointed out last year it is impossible to reconcile these figures so long as the Police classify true cases by reference to the offences committed and the Courts by reference to the individuals charged with the commission of an offence.

12. Matrimonial offences have risen from 9,820 to 10,658. The most noticeable increase in such cases occurred, as in the past year, in the districts of Multan (837) and Ferozepore (766). The increase from 7,417 in 1918 to 9,820 in 1919 and again to 10,658 in 1920 is probably due, as was pointed out last year, to the absence from home of soldiers on active service.

Matrimonial cases.

The Judges observe with regret that the application of the marriage registration system to certain districts has failed to reduce this type of crime. The District Magistrate, Hissar, remarks—

" As these cases indirectly lead to violent crime, it is very desirable to introduce the registration system which, in my opinion, should be organised by the Ministry of Education and not be left entirely to the idiosyncrasies of local bodies."

In this connection the following note by the District Magistrate, Kangra, is of interest :—

" Matrimonial offences form a prominent feature of the criminal work of this district. They are not confined to sections 498 and 497, Indian Penal Code, but sections 363, 366 and 377 of that Code and also the preventive sections of the Criminal Procedure Code, are frequently taken advantage of

by the aggrieved parent or the disappointed lover to invoke the aid of the Police Agency. The complaints can be traced to the low marriage ideals of the people and are not merely the result of the ingenuity of the Pleader or the Petition-writer.

The sale and barter of girls is a recognised custom. The parents do not relinquish their claims even after they have once bestowed their daughter's hand on the bridegroom. After the death of the husband the claims of the parents are renewed again whether the widow recognises them or not. On the death of the husband a triangular conflict ensues. The woman wants to go to her lover; the husband's brother considers her to be his property along with the land left by her husband, while the parents consider that on the death of the donee the gift reverts to the donor and that they have a natural right to sell the girl again. On account of the laxity of the *Jhanjrara* marriage it is often difficult to decide who is in the right. The struggle goes on with varying success from the Civil Court to the Criminal and *vice versâ*. The morality of the girl is no deciding factor in the dispute. Neither looseness of character nor the birth of bastards renders the woman less desirable than before. If the brother-in-law charges the girl with bad character it is merely to deprive her of her husband's estate and not because he regards her lightness of character with disapprobation.

Such a state of things, in my opinion, calls urgently for the institution of a registration of marriages, optional in the beginning and compulsory in the end. It is not to be expected that the system of registration will put a complete check to this unsatisfactory state of affairs. That is impossible so long as the people do not change their attitude towards women. It is also true that the system itself is liable to abuse. Thus it is not unusual for grown up women to be forced to put their thumb-marks to entries of marriage with children of 10 or 12, the object being, in the local phrase, 'to break their legs so that they may not run away.' Still from my experience in other districts I consider that the benefits which will be derived from registration outweigh the abuses to which it may possibly give rise. It renders offences easier of detection.

It is usual to appoint as Registrars men of straw and call them *nikah khuan* (reciters of the marriage service). I think that this duty should be entrusted to men of higher status who should be remunerated with better fees, as such men would be less likely to fall in with the plots of mischief-makers and would do their work in a more satisfactory manner."

The Judges again emphasize the necessity for placing the marriage registration system on a proper legal basis.

Offences under special and local laws.

13. The number of offences reported during the year under special and local laws were 57,554 or 7 per cent. more than the figures for 1919. 41,800 cases involving 94,719 persons were brought to trial, of whom 50,582 were acquitted or discharged, 39,458 convicted and 52 died or escaped, while the cases of 4,627 persons were pending at the end of the year. These figures include those relating to proceedings under the preventive sections of the Criminal Procedure Code.

Statements Nos. II and III.

Security to keep the peace.

14. The number of persons ordered to enter into a bond to keep the peace was 36 under section 106, Criminal Procedure Code, and 557 under sections 40 and 41 of the Frontier Crimes Regulation, III of 1901. There were 8,415 cases under section 107 of the Criminal Procedure Code involving 41,339 persons, of whom 11,977 or 29 per cent. were ordered to execute bonds. Though proceedings by the Police under section 107, Criminal Procedure Code, sometimes check crime by bringing people to a sense of the risks which they run by persisting in their quarrels yet, as was pointed out in previous years, there is a tendency on the part of the Police to institute an excessive number of proceedings under section 107 of the Criminal Procedure Code. It has now been reported by certain District Magistrates that, to check this tendency, instructions have been issued by them that the Police should institute proceedings only in urgent cases where the breach of peace

is imminent and that in other cases complainants should be referred to the Courts.

The District Magistrate, Shahpur, writes :—

"The decrease (in the number of such cases in his district) is due to the fact that cases are somewhat less recklessly initiated owing to the arrangement reported last year whereby Police reports asking for actions under section 107, Criminal Procedure Code, come through the Superintendent of Police except in very urgent cases. Nevertheless 616 persons were (probably quite rightly) discharged by the Magistrates, on whom I continue to impress the great dangers of the abuse of this valuable section. Some Magistrates, however, kept many of these cases pending so long as to make it obvious how unnecessary the demand for security was. I have asked for instances of violent crime following dismissals of complaints under section 107, Criminal Procedure Code. Two have been sent up from the violent Khushab Tahsil. Such mistakes will happen but, even if the persons implicated had been placed on security. It is not certain that the crime would not have taken place."

Security for good behaviour.

15. Under sections 109 and 110, Criminal Procedure Code, there were 3,399 cases involving 3,560 persons before the Courts as compared with 3,880 cases involving 4,179 persons in the previous year. Prosecutions were successful in the case of 2,552 persons or 71 per cent., as compared with 2,903 or 70 per cent., in the preceding year.

Section 562, Criminal Procedure Code.

16. The total number of persons released on probation under section 562 of the Code of Criminal Procedure was 345 as against 355 in the previous year.

Habitual Offenders' Act, V of 1918.

17. During the year 518 offences were reported under the Habitual Offenders' Act. 519 cases including those pending from the previous year involving 525 persons were brought to trial. The movements of habitual offenders were restricted in 460 cases involving 462 persons. It is reported by several District Magistrates that the Act has undoubtedly produced good results and that action under it has acted as a deterrent on crime in cases where other measures have failed.

Workmen's Breach of Contract Act, XIII of 1859.

18. There was an increase from 3,120 to 3,487 in the number of cases under the Workmen's Breach of Contract Act. This increase may be attributed to the excessive keenness of competition amongst employers to obtain labour and to the growing independence of the labouring classes.

Statement No. IV.
Disposals.

19. The number of persons whose cases were disposed of, excluding appeals and revisions, was 243,813 as against 248,872 in 1919, and the number of original regular cases disposed of during the year was 103,380 as against 106,972 in the previous year. 7,619 cases were pending at the end of the year as against 6,448 at the end of 1919. The percentage of cases decided by Honorary Magistrates as compared with the number of cases disposed of by Magistrates during the year was the same as last year, *i.e.*, 24 per cent.

Disposals by District Magistrates.

20. District Magistrates decided 142 cases in virtue of the enhanced powers conferred on them under section 30, Criminal Procedure Code, as compared with 90 cases in the previous years.

The year 1919 was exceptional as the District Magistrates could not devote much time to the trial of criminal cases owing to their other multifarious duties in connection with the disturbances of April of that year. It is satisfactory to note that the outturn for 1920 shows a distinct improvement over last year's figures, though it still falls short of what the District Magistrates should achieve if they are to obtain first hand knowledge of the working of the Police. It would probably be very much more satisfactory to relieve the over-worked Deputy Commissioners of all magisterial duties except those performed under the preventive sections of the Code of Criminal Proce-

dure, and it is to be hoped that an experiment of this nature will soon be made.

Disposals by Sessions Judges.

21. Courts of Session disposed of 652 cases involving 1,434 persons during the year at the end of which 183 persons remained under trial.

Average duration.

22. The following table shows the average duration of trials during the last two years :—

		1919. Days.	1920. Days.
1.	Sessions Judges	37	40
2.	District Magistrates (ordinary powers)	11	21
3.	District Magistrates (section 30 powers)	33	31
4.	Other section 30 Magistrates ...	52	46
5.	Stipendiary Magistrates, 1st class ...	24	29
6.	Stipendiary Magistrates, 2nd and 3rd class	21	21

It will be observed that the average duration has risen in the Courts of Sessions Judges, District Magistrates (ordinary powers) and Stipendiary Magistrates, 1st class.

Sessions Judges were reminded of the instructions issued by the Chief Court in 1918 as to the proper method for fixing dates in Sessions cases so as to prevent delay in the hearing of such cases. During the year they have been further required to explain each month the cause of delay in respect of Sessions cases pending for over two months, and special notice is now taken by the High Court of all cases of unusual duration. It is hoped that by these measures the trial of Sessions cases will be expedited.

The increase in the remaining Courts need not be regarded with any great apprehension. This increase is due partly to the postponement of cases on account of the elections to Legislative Councils and of the Census which occupied a considerable portion of the Magistrates' time and so caused dislocation of their magisterial work. The attention of Magistrates is being drawn to the necessity for expediting the committal proceedings in Sessions cases as the Judges are of opinion that here at least delay can be avoided.

The following quotation from the report of the District Magistrate, Jhang, deserves consideration though the Judges are not prepared at this stage to make any remarks on it :—" When a case has been transferred from one Court to another, a person accused of a criminal offence has the option of having all the witnesses previously examined *de novo*. This causes considerable delay and the eventual congestion of cases in the districts where the personnel has undergone a change. It no doubt gives the Magistrate an opportunity to judge the demeanour of the witnesses, but on the other hand, the license is apt to be misused by the accused in winning over the witnesses, and the question is whether the law does not require amendment."

Trials under the Frontier Crimes Regulation.

23. The *Jirgah* system continues to work well in the three districts to which it applies, *i.e.*, Dera Ghazi Khan, Mianwali and the Leiah Tahsil of Muzaffargarh. 293 cases relating to offences under the Indian Penal Code and involving 626 persons were referred to Councils of Elders during the year as compared with 376 cases involving 838 persons in the previous year. 207 persons were convicted against 338 in the preceding year.

Witnesses.

24. The number of witnesses examined in criminal cases during the year was 266,617 as against 269,528 in the previous year.

25. The following table shows the punishments inflicted in 1920 as contrasted with those inflicted in 1919 :—

Statement No. V.
Punishments.

Year.	Number of persons sentenced to				
	Death.	Transportation.	Imprisonment.	Fine.	Whipping.
1919	150	181	16,267	36,863	763
1920	87	235	14,344	34,279	664

In 21,843 cases the amount of fine imposed did not exceed Rs. 10 and in 9,306 cases it was between Rs. 10 and Rs. 50. In 1,391 cases the term of imprisonment did not exceed 15 days.

26. Out of 663 whippings inflicted, 574 were in lieu of, and 27 in addition to, other punishments, while 62 were inflicted on juveniles other than those specified in parts 1 and 2 of Statement No. 5-A. The percentage of whippings on the total number of all punishments was 18 as compared with 19·89 in the previous year. In the majority of cases whippings were inflicted for offences of theft, the number of stripes ordered being ordinarily 11 to 20.

Whipping.

27. The High Court Judges during the year were :—

High Court Judges.

1. Sir Shadi Lal, Kt., Chief Justice.
2. Mr. Justice Chevis.
3. Mr. Justice Scott Smith.
4. Mr. Justice leRossignol.
5. Mr. Justice Leslie Jones.
6. Mr. Justice Broadway.
7. Mr. Justice Abdul Raoof.

Mr. Justice Wilberforce was Additional Judge throughout the year and Mr. Justice Martineau, Inspecting Judge for a portion of the year.

28. The total number of persons whose cases came before the Hon'ble Court for confirmation of the death sentence, including those pending from the previous year, was 191. The results of these Murder References are detailed below :—

Murder references to the High Court.

1.	Capital sentence maintained by the High Court ...	87
2.	Sentence commuted to transportation for life ...	14
3.	Acquitted of murder but convicted of culpable homicide and lesser offences ...	5
4.	Totally acquitted ...	37
	Total ...	143
5.	Pending at the end of the year ...	48
	Grand Total ...	191

In addition to the 87 death sentences maintained by the High Court on references by the Sessions Judges, two more death sentences were also passed by the High Court on its own motion on appeals from sentences of transportation or imprisonment.

Out of the above death sentences passed by the High Court, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor (now His Excellency the Governor in Council) com-

muted the death sentence of three convicts to transportation for life and that of one convict to ten years' rigorous imprisonment.

His Excellency the Governor-General in Council also commuted the death sentence of three convicts to transportion for life and that of one to seven years' rigorous imprisonment.

The average duration of murder references in the High Court was :—

1914.	1915.	1916.	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.
70	50	53	51	57	50	52

Original criminal trials in the High Court.

29. No original criminal case came before the High Court during the year under review. The case pending from last year resulted in conviction.

Criminal appeals and revisions in the High Court.

30. The revisional and appellate work of the High Court during the past two years is compared in the following table :—

	Revisions.		Appeals.	
	1919.	1920.	1919.	1920.
Dismissed *in limine*	1,889	1,906	35	13
Sentence or order confirmed after notice	370	452	756	838
Sentence enhanced	27	44	...	...
Sentence reduced	121	271	126	168
Sentence reversed	300	492	184	254
Proceedings quashed	2	5	...	...
Total ...	2,709	3,170	1,101	1,273

The above figures are those of persons not of cases. The average duration of Criminal appeals in the High Court rose from 69 to 93 days and that of Criminal revisions from 43 to 53 days as compared with the previous year. This is attributable partly to the fact that the Continuous Cause List System was introduced during the year under review and partly to the fact that there are not a sufficient number of Judges to cope with the work. This latter point has been brought to the notice of Government.

Statement No. VI.

Appeals.

31. Excluding the number of appellants who died and the number of those whose appeals were pending at the close of the year, the result of appeals preferred in the Courts of the District Magistrates and Sessions Judges and in the High Court were :—

	Percentage.
Dismissed *in limine*	11·07
Sentence confirmed	44·32
Sentence reduced	15·87
Sentence reversed	24·95
Otherwise disposed of	3·79

Of the total number of appeals decided 44·4 per cent. were disposed of by District Magistrates and other Magistrates invested with appellate powers, 48 per cent. by Courts of Session and 7·6 per cent. by the High Court.

32. In revision the sentence was enhanced in the case of 44 persons. The general results of applications for revisions as compared with those of appeals are shown in the following table :—

Revisions and appeals compared.

	On revision.	*On appeal.*
	Persons.	Persons.
Sentence maintained	452	7,476
Proceedings quashed	5	26
New trial or further enquiry ordered ...	1,037	504
Sentence reduced or otherwise altered ...	271	2,648
Sentence reversed	492	4,162

33. An Additional Judge was again sanctioned for six months from 1st October 1920, the date on which the Inspecting Judge usually joins the Court, to enable inspections of Subordinate Courts to be carried out, but the Inspecting Judge did not actually join the Court until the 9th November 1920. Between that date and the 31st of March the Courts were inspected at the headquarters of 24 districts and in 2 tahsils. As pointed out on previous occasions the Judges are of opinion that these inspections are both necessary and useful.

Inspection of Subordinate Courts.

34. According to the present system in vogue in certain districts regarding the payment of expenses to Assessors and witnesses who attend at Sessions trials, the disbursement is made by the District Magistrate on the production of a certificate issued by the Sessions Judge. It has now been represented by more than one Sessions Judges that this system is not working well in practice as the parties concerned are sometimes delayed in obtaining payment. The Judges consider that it would be simpler to arrange that payments be made by the Sessions Judge himself, at the conclusion of a trial, out of money advanced by the District Magistrate for this purpose.

Payment of expenses to Assessors and witnesses attending Sessions Courts.

35. A suggestion was made by the Inspector-General of Police in 1912 that witnesses should accompany Police chalans to Courts and that Courts should reserve the first three hours of the day for trial of new criminal cases. After consideration of this suggestion the Judges issued instructions to District Magistrates that witnesses should accompany Police chalans to Courts and that chalans should be taken up by Magistrates, whenever possible, on the day of their presentation in Court.

Witnesses in *Chalan* cases.

In paragraph 32 of the Report on the Administration of Criminal Justice in the Punjab for the year 1917, mention was made of an arrangement in one district by which the Police gave notice to the Magistrate that an investigation was nearing completion and that the chalan with witnesses would probably be presented on a given date. The Punjab Government signified their approval of this arrangement and asked the Judges to consider whether this practice could not be adopted in all districts. The Inspecting Judge has been investigating this matter during the winter and it is now under the consideration of the Hon'ble Court.

36. In order to give effect to the wishes of the Government of India that every indigent person charged with an offence punishable with death should have legal assistance at his trial in the High Court, the Judges issued the following instructions to Subordinate Courts :—

Government counsel for defence.

(*a*) When an accused person is committed to the High Court in the exercise of its original criminal jurisdiction to stand his trial for an offence punishable with death the Committing Magistrate shall report whether the accused was represented by counsel in the proceedings before him and whether the accused can afford to engage counsel for his trial in the High Court.

(*b*) When an accused person has been called upon by the High Court to show cause why a lesser sentence should not be enhanced to a sentence of death the District Magistrate shall, if he is satisfied that the accused is unable because of his poverty to engage counsel for his defence, furnish a certificate that the accused is entitled to be defended in *formâ pauperis*.

(*c*) When a sentence of death is referred by a Sessions Judge to the High Court for confirmation under the provisions of section 374, Criminal Procedure Code, the Sessions Judge shall note whether the accused person was represented by counsel in his Court, and whether the accused can afford to engage counsel for his defence in the High Court.

During the year arrangements were made to employ counsel at Government expense in 48 cases.

Frivolous complaints.

37. Out of every 100 persons actually placed on their trial in Magistrates' Courts during the year only 23 were convicted and of these again a fair proportion were acquitted on appeal. It would be wrong to assume that all or even the majority of those who were discharged or acquitted escaped for lack of evidence. Many should not have been put on trial at all, the offences with which they were accused being either too trivial for serious notice or existing only in the imagination of their accusers. The Judges regret to observe that Subordinate Magistrates are still averse to dismissing complaints *in limine* and reluctant to grant compensation to persons wrongly accused. Though during the year summary dismissals rose by about 500 as compared with the figures for 1919, yet the figures are still disappointing as about 181,000 persons were either acquitted or discharged out of whom only 413 were awarded compensation.

Police diaries.

38. It has been suggested that the time has come for abolishing the use of the peculiar language employed by Police Officers in case diaries. This is a combination of archaic Persian and stilted artificial Urdu which never fell from the lips of living man and varies in complexity and incomprehensibility in different parts of the province. Naturally the words used and the construction of the sentences in which they are reproduced have to be altered to suit the vehicle of thought and the results achieved are often little short of ridiculous. The Judges are not aware what useful purpose this language serves and the objections to its employment are many and obvious. It is as if the record of an English Magistrate were kept in Norman French and the translation work involved must hamper and waste the time and energies of investigating officers. If the actual words used either in Hindustani or Punjabi could be embodied in the police diaries the value of these documents would be enhanced and Magistrates would be more ready to read what was written in a language they understood.

Increase in murders.

39. The number of murder cases has risen from 426 to 516. This is attributed variously to the increasing violence of disputes over the distribution of canal water in the Colony Districts, to the return to their homes of bad characters from the Army and to the growing scarcity of women. The proportion of convictions in murder cases is low and is the most striking divergence from the figures for 1919.

Decrease in crime generally.

40. The comparative figures of cases reported during the year under review and the preceding six years are given below :—

1914	204,803
1915	202,220
1916	198,832
1917	180,819
1918	164,512
1919	189,762
1920	187,739

The most noticable decrease in the number of cases found to be true occurred in the districts of Lahore (1,703), Gurdaspur (1,149), Ambala (1,362), Gujranwala (967), Ferozepore (1,276) and Karnal (792).

This decrease is unexpected and somewhat difficult to explain. There is said to have been a tendency to refer disputes for settlement to local and informal *panchayats* (village councils) while the voluntary *Chaukidara* (watchmen) system in towns and the *thikri-pahra* (patrol) system in villages also may have helped to some extent in checking crime.

On the whole the year under review may be regarded as a period of successful criminal administration.

A. GORDON WALKER,

Registrar.

HIS MAJESTY'S HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE :

LAHORE : 18TH JULY 1921.

PROVINCIAL STATEMENT No. I—(CRIMINAL).

STATEMENT SHOWING THE NUMBER OF OFFICERS EXERCISING JURISDICTION IN ORIGINAL CASES IN THE PUNJAB ON THE LAST DAY OF THE YEAR 1920 AND THE WORK DONE DURING THE YEAR 1920.

Class of court.	Area (square miles).	Population.	Number of Sessions Divisions, *i.e.*, number of Judicial Districts.	Number of District (Revenue).	Number of tahsils.	Number of Officers.		Total number of cases decided.			
								Original.		*Appeal.*	
						Europeans.	Indians.	Regular.	Miscellaneous.	Regular.	Miscellaneous.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
I.—MAGISTRATES.											
Special Magistrates						9	88	2,990	1,262	...	...
Honorary Magistrates sitting singly—											
2nd and 3rd class						...	74	6,457	3,364	...	...
1st class						4	62	9,332	5,552	...	...
Benches of Magistrates ...						...	222	9,894	2,578	...	...
Stipendiary Magistrates—	96,686	*19,569,372	21	29	115						
2nd and 3rd class						8	277	37,763	25,758	...	...
1st class ... Ordinary powers ...						21	183	32,493	25,732	823	223
1st class ... Sections 30 powers ...								2,446	202	...	...
Chief Magistrates of Districts ...						25	4	1,242	1,000	3,616	811
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	67	910	102,617	65,448	4,439	1,034
II.—COURTS OF SESSIONS	...	...	...	...	...	13	8	652	201	5,560	50
III.—HIGH COURT	...	...	...	...	...	7	2	111	...	851	...
GRAND TOTAL ...	...	...	...	...	...	87	920	103,380	65,649	10,850	1,084

*Excludes figures of Biloch Trans-Frontier territory.

PROVINCIAL STATEMENT

STATEMENT OF OFFENCES REPORTED AND OF PERSONS TRIED, CONVICTED AND

Description of Offence.				Serial No.	Offences reported.		Complaints dismissed under Section 203, Criminal Procedure Code.	
					Pending from previous years.	During the year.	Without reference to the Police.	After reference to the Police.
1				2	3	4	5	6
A.—Offences under the Penal Code.								
Offences against the State.	Chap.	VI	Secs. 121 to 130	1	...	5	1	...
Offences against the Army and Navy.	„	VII	„ 131 to 140	2	2	16	3	...
Offences against the public tranquillity.	„	VIII	„ 143 to 145, 149 to 151, 157, 158, Unlawful Assembly.	3	3	173	77	1
			„ 147, 148, 152 and 153 to 156, Rioting, &c.	4	153	1,714	597	30
			Sec. 160 Affray	5	1	107	16	...
Offences by or relating to public servants.	„	IX	Secs. 161 to 169. By public servants	6	19	196	125	3
			„ 161, 170 and 171. Relating to public servants	7	15	107	49	6
Contempts of the lawful authority of public servants.	„	X	„ 172 to 190	8	96	989	98	2
False evidence and offences against public officers.	„	XI	„ 193 to 200. False evidence or subordination, &c., of public servants.	9	46	868	70	9
			„ 201 to 229. Offences against public justice	10	61	587	152	6
Offences relating to coin and Government stamps.	„	XII	„ 231 to 254. Offences relating to coin	11	...	55	5	...
			„ 255 to 263. Offences relating to stamps	12	...	2	...	...
Offences relating to weights and measures.	„	XIII	„ 264 to 267	13	...	25	1	...
Offences affecting the public health, safety, convenience, decency and morals.	„	XIV	„ 269 to 278. Offences affecting public health	14	8	141	47	...
			„ 279 to 289. Offences affecting safety	15	10	103	12	1
			„ 290 & 291. Offences affecting convenience	16	8	220	46	...
			„ 292 to 294. Offences affecting decency and morals	17	...	17	3	...
			Sec. 294 A. Keeping lottery office or publishing proposals for lottery.	18	...	2	...	...
Offences relating to religion.	„	XV	Secs. 295 to 298	19	7	223	104	...
Offences affecting the human body.	„	XVI	„ 302 and 303. Murder	20	60	638	15	3
			Sec. 307. Attempt at murder	21	15	204	51	10
			„ 304. Culpable homicide	22	21	314	7	...
			„ 304-A. Causing death by rash or negligent act	23	1	140	5	...
			„ 308. Attempt at culpable homicide	24	...	15	1	...
			Secs. 305 and 306. Abetment of suicide	25	...	15	5	...
			Sec. 309. Attempted suicide	26	6	113	1	...
			„ 311. Thuggee, &c.	27	...	3	1	...
			Secs. 312 to 315. Causing miscarriage	28	1	22	12	1
			Sec. 316. Injury to unborn children	29	...	18	1	4
			„ 317. Exposure of infants	30	2	40	14	...
			„ 318. Concealment of birth by secret disposal of dead body.	31	1	119	25	1
			Secs. 325 to 331 and 333. Hurt with aggravating circumstances.	32	250	3,297	518	62
			„ 326, 324, 332 and 334 to 338. Other cases	33	1,154	40,363	13,319	55
			Sec. 341. Wrongful restraint	34	52	1,506	551	3
			Secs. 342 to 348. Wrongful confinement	35	59	1,284	636	14
			„ 352 to 358. Criminal force or assault	36	109	3,432	1,489	4
			„ 364, 366, 367. Kidnapping or forcible abduction, with aggravating circumstances.	37	43	671	379	24
			„ 363, 365, 368, 369. Other cases	38	83	1,316	552	69
			„ 370, 371. Slavery	39	5	7	9	2
			„ 372 and 373.—Buying or selling a minor for the purposes of prostitution.	40	...	20	11	...
			Sec. 374. Forced labour	41	...	10	3	1
			„ 376. Rape	42	18	315	86	24
			„ 377. Unnatural offences	43	3	114	21	...
			Carried over		2,317	59,026	19,118	335

No. II—(Criminal).

ACQUITTED OF EACH CLASS OF OFFENCE IN THE PUNJAB DURING THE YEAR 1920.

Other cases struck off as false.	Cases found to be true.		Pending at the end of the year.	Number of cases brought to trial during the year.	Persons.						Serial No.
	Previous years.	Year under report.			Under trial during the year.	Discharged in consequence of the non-attendance of the complainant or the withdrawal of the complaint.	Acquitted or discharged on other grounds.	Convicted.	Died, escaped or transferred to another Province or trial postponed in consequence of insanity.	Remaining under trial at the close of the year.	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
...	...	4	...	4	4	...	...	4	...	...	1
2	2	11	...	10	15	...	5	7	...	3	2
32	13	45	8	63	304	36	162	60	3	43	3
130	116	819	175	979	7,312	890	3,559	1,693	30	1,140	4
...	1	90	1	93	278	58	70	155	...	...	5
...	5	63	19	73	118	15	84	9	...	10	6
5	8	37	17	48	71	9	32	26	2	2	7
11	86	776	112	930	1,461	108	535	630	5	183	8
7	37	239	52	322	385	38	169	106	1	71	9
12	58	357	63	428	689	61	315	235	4	74	10
7	...	40	3	39	56	6	14	32	...	4	11
...	...	2	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	12
...	...	20	4	24	27	...	13	10	...	4	13
6	2	88	6	82	285	29	119	81	9	47	14
4	9	83	4	91	121	19	33	62	...	7	15
...	7	160	15	173	498	133	217	90	...	58	16
...	...	11	3	11	26	2	6	15	...	3	17
...	...	2	...	2	4	2	...	...	...	2	18
1	6	105	14	112	429	124	232	43	...	30	19
43	59	509	69	545	1,242	12	524	336	9	311	20
17	13	92	36	110	206	10	55	89	1	51	21
45	23	225	35	282	755	4	205	406	1	139	22
17	...	104	15	106	239	8	69	107	...	55	23
7	...	5	2	5	5	...	1	4	...	...	24
2	...	6	2	8	11	...	3	8	...	...	25
23	3	33	9	34	35	2	20	57	2	4	26
...	...	1	1	2	5	...	...	...	...	5	27
...	...	9	1	9	19	2	11	3	...	3	28
...	...	1	12	1	2	...	...	...	...	2	29
5	...	20	3	12	22	8	11	3	...	...	30
5	1	82	6	86	179	55	32	32	...	60	31
581	165	1,961	230	2,159	5,839	1,491	1,900	1,432	10	1,006	32
183	734	25,409	1,817	23,581	60,741	36,186	17,335	2,860	53	4,307	33
13	42	850	93	866	2,714	856	1,557	115	...	186	34
31	33	553	76	558	1,810	876	519	246	...	169	35
80	72	1,760	136	1,718	4,032	2,118	1,113	456	2	343	36
39	27	187	58	221	720	90	423	95	1	111	37
161	65	469	88	540	1,472	255	696	244	2	275	38
...	...	1	...	1	3	...	3	...	...	...	39
...	...	8	1	8	15	...	14	...	...	1	40
...	...	6	...	6	20	12	6	1	...	1	41
46	15	144	18	164	253	12	91	105	...	45	42
13	3	74	6	81	102	...	35	61	...	6	43
1,528	1,605	35,517	3,240	34,638	92,575	43,522	30,189	9,968	135	8,761	

PROVINCIAL STATEMENT

Description of offence.				Serial No.	Offences reported.		Complaints dismissed under Section 203, Criminal Procedure Code.	
					Pending from previous years.	During the year.	Without reference to the Police.	After reference to the Police.
1				2	3	4	5	6
			Brought forward		2,317	59,026	19,118	335
A.—Offences under the Penal Code—*concluded.*								
Offences against property.	Chapter XVII.	Sec. 382. Theft with aggravating circumstances		44	4	74	27	1
		Secs. 379 to 381 and 401. Other cases		45	727	13,570	3,826	139
		„ 386 to 389. Extortion with aggravating circumstances ...		46	2	124	48	2
		„ 384 and 385. Other cases		47	38	643	440	5
		Sec. 394, „ 392, „ 393 — *Robbery.*	With hurt	48	11	216	68	10
			Other cases	49	69	1,179	771	67
			Attempts	50	2	38	9	...
		„ 396 — *Dacoity.*	With murder	51	...	12	2	...
		Secs. 397 & 398 — *Dacoity.*	With attempt to cause death or grievous hurt ...	52	3	37	3	...
		Sec. 395, „ 399, Secs 400 & 402 — *Dacoity.*	Attempted robbery or dacoity when armed with deadly weapons.	53	15	80	20	1
			Other cases	54	7	135	76	5
		„ 403 and 404. Criminal misappropriation of property ...		55	62	1,276	553	4
		„ 406 to 409. Criminal breach of trust		56	319	5,963	3,404	50
		„ 411 to 414. Receiving or habitually dealing in stolen or plundered property.		57	213	2,816	307	12
		„ 417 to 420. Cheating		58	285	4,943	3,001	80
		„ 421 to 424. Fraudulent deeds or disposition of property ...		59	2	134	83	...
		„ 429 to 433 and 435 to 440, „ 426 to 428 and 434. — *Mischief.*	With aggravating circumstances ...	60	62	1,256	487	12
			Other cases	61	154	3,908	1,599	10
		„ 459 & 460, 449 to 452, „ 454, 455, 457 & 458, „ 453 & 456, 447, 448, „ 461 & 462, — *Criminal trespass.*	Resulting in death or grievous hurt ...	62	9	369	133	10
			For commission of serious offences ...	63	410	7,277	1,045	43
			Other serious cases	64	15	1,481	141	2
			Minor cases	65	361	8,296	3,452	19
Offences relating to documents and to trade or property mark.	Chapter XVIII.	„ 465 to 471 and 474. Forgery or uttering or possessing forged documents or papers.		66	24	310	171	1
		„ 472 to 476. Counterfeiting or making or possessing a counterfeit seal, &c., for purpose of forgery.		67	...	4	2	...
		Sec. 477. Fraudulently destroying or defacing a will or other document.		68	2	57	30	...
		Secs. 482, 486, 487 and 488. Using a false trade or property mark and knowingly selling property so marked.		69	1	28	20	...
		„ 483 to 485. Counterfeiting or making or possessing a die-plate or instrument for counterfeiting a trade or property mark.		70	...	6	2	2
		Sec. 489. Removing, destroying, &c., a trade or property mark with intent to cause injury.		71	...	39	6	...
Criminal breach of contracts of service.	Chapter XIX.	Secs. 490 to 492		72	2	118	43	...
Offences relating to marriage.	Chapter XX.	„ 493 to 498		73	671	9,987	4,077	11
Defamation ...	Chapter XXI.	„ 500 to 502		74	51	1,110	622	4
Criminal intimidation, insult or annoyance.	Chapter XXII.	Sec. 506. The threat being to cause death or other grievous hurt		75	8	294	166	...
		Secs. 504 to 510. Other cases		76	192	5,379	2,029	4
			Total	...	6,038	130,185	45,781	829

No. II—Criminal—*continued.*

Other cases struck off as false.	Cases found to be true.		Pending at the end of the year.	Number of cases brought to trial during the year.	Persons.						Serial No.
	Previous years.	Year under report.			Under trial during the year.	Discharged in consequence of the non-attendance of the complainant or the withdrawal of the complaint.	Acquitted or discharged on other grounds.	Convicted.	Died, escaped or transferred to another province or trial, postponed in consequence of insanity.	Remaining under trial at the close of the year.	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
1,528	1,605	85,517	3,240	34,638	92,575	43,522	30,189	9,968	135	8,761	
3	2	41	4		82	12	25	38	...	7	44
1,257	443	7,871	761	6,238	12,282	2,324	5,834	3,551	31	1,042	45
...	4	65	7	79	142	34	51	54	1	2	46
...	13	199	24	216	613	180	412	25	...	39	47
28	10	94	17	74	169	10	79	61	1	18	48
76	38	214	82	255	628	118	320	109	1	80	49
11	1	14	5	15	31	...	15	7	...	9	50
2	...	7	1	9	88	...	34	47	...	7	51
4	3	12	18	23	79	1	14	24	...	40	52
14	10	33	17	38	238	3	112	46	...	72	53
9	7	39	6	40	147	17	45	54	...	31	54
22	34	649	76	698	1,279	245	774	178	1	81	55
147	155	2,193	333	2,240	3,462	932	1,734	324	5	467	56
554	170	1,754	232	1,943	2,811	142	1,103	1,288	14	264	57
93	193	1,519	342	1,752	3,171	702	1,586	381	11	491	58
...	1	50	2	51	112	37	62	12	...	1	59
118	45	549	107	558	1,415	330	708	191	2	184	60
37	93	2,122	201	2,090	5,836	2,517	2,476	364	1	478	61
32	9	174	20	182	400	101	167	87	...	45	62
972	203	4,892	532	2,667	4,554	479	1,717	1,913	12	433	63
39	18	1,261	35	417	776	10	311	359	13	63	64
50	263	4,502	371	4,604	13,883	5,626	5,976	870	1	1,360	65
...	17	120	25	128	302	62	177	31	...	32	66
...	...	2	...	2	3	...	3	...	...	...	67
...	2	23	4	28	50	13	17	1	...	19	68
...	...	9	...	7	7	4	2	1	...	...	69
...	...	2	...	2	9	1	8	...	...	...	70
8	...	28	2	8	9	1	7	1	...	...	71
...	4	69	4	58	123	29	54	25	1	13	72
8	446	5,293	823	5,673	14,980	6,335	6,072	778	22	1,773	73
...	38	437	60	486	1,024	431	458	45	4	86	74
...	3	111	22	87	196	62	130	2	...	2	75
4	132	3,201	201	3,059	6,857	4,080	2,116	321	3	337	76
5,011	3,962	73,066	7,574	68,397	1,68,277	68,810	62,818	21,153	259	16,237	

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Description of Offence.	Serial No.	Offences Reported.		Complaints dismissed under section 203, Criminal Procedure Code.	
		Pending from previous years.	During the year.	Without reference to the Police.	After reference to the Police.
1	2	3	4	5	6
B.—Offences under Special and Local Laws.					
Security for keeping the peace	77	612	17,885	8,851	233
„ „ good behaviour	78	253	3,464	53	93
Arms, Ammunition and Military Stores, Act XI of 1878	79	30	410	7	...
Canals, Act VIII of 1873	80	93	4,219	1,288	13
Cantonments, Military, Act XV of 1910	81	3	1,342	9	...
Cattle Trespass, Act I of 1871	82	120	3,836	1,810	6
City Chaukidars, Acts XX of 1856 and XXII of 1871	83	8	32	1	1
Code of Civil Procedure, Act V of 1908	84	...	14	...	...
Companies' Act VII of 1913	85	1	8	...	...
Contract, Workmen, Act XIII of 1859	86	64	3,487	1,430	...
Contract by workmen on Railways and other Public Works, Act IX of 1860	87	60	385	1	...
Criminal Tribes and Eunuchs, Act III of 1911	88	116	587	14	15
Emigration, Act XVII of 1908	89	...	69	61	...
Excise on Spirits and Drugs, Act I of 1914	90	13	460	...	1
Factories, Act XII of 1911	91	...	237	...	...
Farcy and Glanders, Act XIII of 1899	92	...	...	...	...
Ferries, Act XVII of 1878	93	2	6	...	...
Foreigners, Act III of 1864	94	...	...	...	...
Forest, Acts VII of 1878 and V of 1890	95	24	366	2	...
Gambling, Act III of 1867	96	1	66	4	...
Hackney and Stage Carriages, Acts XVI of 1861 and XIV of 1879	97	92	2,287	31	...
Income-tax, Act II of 1886	98	...	...	...	...
Marriages, Christian, Acts XV of 1872 and II of 1891	99	...	...	...	...
Municipalities, Act III of 1911 (Punjab)	100	125	4,647	154	...
Murderous Outrages Regulation IV of 1901	101	...	8	...	...
Opium, Act I of 1878	102	4	157	1	...
Legal Practitioners, Acts XVIII of 1879, IX of 1884 and XI of 1896	103	...	1	...	...
Police, Act V of 1861	104	51	5,068	19	5
Post Office, Act VI of 1898	105	2	53	2	...
Printing Presses, Act XXV of 1867 and X of 1890	106	...	...	...	...
Prisons, Act IX of 1894	107	1	6	1	...
Punjab Courts, Act III of 1914	108	...	...	...	...
Punjab Laws, Acts IV of 1872, XV of 1875, XII of 1878 and XXIV of 1881	109	5	126	1	...
Railways, Act IX of 1890	110	23	833	21	...
Registration, Act XVI of 1908	111	...	47	...	...
Salt and Saltpetre, Act XII of 1882	112	...	187	...	...
Stamps, Act II of 1899	113	...	5	...	...
Telegraph, Act XIII of 1885	114	...	2	...	...
Treasure Trove, Act VI of 1878	115	6	133	10	...
Vagrancy, European, Act IX of 1874	116	...	3	...	...
Carried over ...		1,717	50,433	13,771	374

No. II (CRIMINAL)—*continued.*

Other cases struck off as false.	Cases found to be true.		Pending at the end of the year.	Number of cases brought to trial during the year.	Persons.						Serial No.
	Previous years.	Year under report.			Under trial during the year.	Discharged in consequence of the non-attendance of the complainant or the withdrawal of the complaint.	Acquitted or discharged on other grounds.	Convicted.	Died, escaped or transferred to another Province or trial postponed in consequence of insanity.	Remaining under trial at the close of the year.	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
180	402	7,903	923	8,415	41,339	8,123	19,043	11,977	13	2,183	77
160	174	3,061	170	3,309	3,560	13	728	2,552	8	260	78
18	19	371	25	392	452	6	116	270	1	59	79
5	106	2,767	133	2,906	10,064	2,795	4,500	2,010	7	752	80
...	3	1,329	5	1,336	2,421	96	372	1,948	...	5	81
10	71	1,921	138	1,840	8,102	4,068	3,012	594	...	434	82
...	10	27	1	35	66	...	21	45	...	...	83
1	...	9	4	13	13	...	1	7	1	4	84
...	1	8	...	9	47	6	28	13	...	...	85
8	56	1,851	206	1,601	1,764	800	730	167	8	59	86
...	7	367	70	365	457	...	137	267	...	53	87
33	75	460	106	502	550	3	53	475	4	15	88
...	...	8	...	8	8	...	8	...	...	...	89
28	16	397	51	418	632	...	134	382	1	125	90
...	44	193	...	237	411	1	59	349	2	...	91
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	92
...	3	6	...	8	14	3	3	8	...	...	93
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	94
1	12	341	34	371	984	361	155	397	...	71	95
1	1	55	6	60	445	...	115	238	...	92	96
...	62	2,211	82	2,201	2,476	3	356	2,095	...	23	97
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	98
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	99
...	108	4,368	142	4,512	4,820	112	1,018	3,506	2	182	100
...	...	8	...	8	17	...	10	7	...	...	101
5	10	134	11	144	173	1	46	114	...	12	102
...	...	1	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	103
8	52	5,017	23	5,062	5,609	10	847	4,744	2	6	104
3	1	40	9	37	37	...	6	26	...	5	105
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	106
...	1	5	...	6	6	...	3	2	...	1	107
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	108
...	4	125	1	134	238	...	49	180	...	9	109
22	14	784	15	793	972	4	224	709	...	35	110
...	...	46	1	45	68	2	46	14	...	1	111
...	...	187	...	187	194	2	3	189	...	...	112
...	1	4	...	5	7	...	5	2	...	...	113
1	...	1	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	114
...	6	111	12	129	243	...	111	103	...	29	15
...	...	3	...	3	3	...	1	2	...	...	116
484	1,259	34,118	2,147	35,283	86,195	16,408	31,932	38,392	49	4,414	

Description of Offence.	Serial No.	Offences reported.		Complaints dismissed under section 203, Criminal Procedure Code.	
		Pending from previous years.	During the year.	Without reference to the Police.	After reference to the Police.
1	2	3	4	5	6
Brought forward ...	...	1,717	50,436	13,771	374
B.—Offences under Special and Local Laws—*concluded.*					
Wandering and Dangerous Lunatics, Act XXXVI of 1858	117	...	86	46	...
Punjab Military Transport Animals, Act I of 1916	118	6	47	...	...
Vaccination, Act XIII of 1880	119	...	298	6	...
Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Act XI of 1890	120	2	841	7	...
Defence of India, Act IV of 1915	121	...	2	...	...
Indian Petroleum, Act VIII of 1899	122	...	4	...	...
Indian Motor Vehicles Act, VIII of 1914	123	...	481	38	...
Punjab Minor Canals, Act III of 1905	124	1	77	19	...
Indian Defence Force, Act III of 1917	125	...	4	...	...
Punjab Land Preservation (Chos) Act, II of 1900	126	6	91	13	...
Chaukidara Rules	127	2	210	...	...
District Boards, Act XX of 1883	128	...	7	...	...
Fisheries, Act IV of 1897	129	...	44	...	...
Steam Boilers and Prime Movers, Act II of 1902	130	...	9	...	...
Punjab Colonies, Act V of 1912	131	12	76	2	...
Murree Rules	132	...	1,099	...	...
Cantonment Code, 1912	133	2	1,835	1	...
Provincial Insolvency, Act III of 1907	134	...	1	..	...
Electricity, Act IX of 1910	135	...	7	...	...
Offences under Criminal Procedure Code	136	39	722	314	...
Regulation III of 1901, Frontier Crimes Regulation	137	...	357	7	...
Restriction of Habitual Offenders, Act V of 1918	138	13	518	1	...
Punjab Village and Small Towns Patrol Act, VIII of 1918	139	...	1	...	...
Bye-Laws	140	...	186	3	...
Plague Manual	141	...	115	28	...
Insult of Court	142	...	41	...	...
Act XX of 1921	143	...	1	...	...
Army Act of 1916	144	...	6	...	...
Reuble Note Act of 1919	145	...	1	...	...
Act No. VII of 1912	146	...	1	...	...
Total ...	...	1,800	57,554	14,256	374
Grand Total ...	...	7,838	187,739	60,037	1,203

No. II (CRIMINAL)—*concluded.*

Other cases struck off as false.	Cases found to be true.		Pending at the end of the year.	Number of cases brought to trial during the year.	Persons.						Serial No.
	Previous years.	Year under report.			Under trial during the year.	Discharged in consequence of the non-attendance of the complainant or the withdrawal of the complaint.	Acquitted or discharged on other grounds	Convicted.	Died, escaped or transferred to another Province or trial postponed in consequence of insanity.	Remaining under trial at the close of the year.	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
484	1,259	34,118	2,147	35,283	86,195	16,408	31,932	33,392	49	4,414	
...	...	40	...	16	16	...	15	1	...	...	117
...	8	45	...	53	65	...	20	42	1	2	118
...	...	292	...	292	294	59	134	100	1	...	119
...	...	832	4	833	874	...	165	704	...	5	120
...	1	1	...	2	3	...	...	3	...	...	121
...	...	4	...	4	5	...	4	1	...	...	122
...	...	391	2	393	403	...	96	303	...	4	123
...	1	57	1	55	143	24	82	32	...	5	124
...	...	4	...	4	8	...	6	2	...	...	125
...	6	76	2	85	202	38	53	104	...	4	126
...	2	191	19	199	370	...	119	217	...	34	127
...	...	7	...	7	13	1	8	4	...	...	128
...	...	44	...	44	86	6	20	54	...	6	129
...	...	7	2	7	9	...	...	6	...	3	130
...	7	68	11	83	133	8	37	69	1	18	131
...	...	1,098	1	1,098	1,113	...	61	1,052	...	...	132
6	...	1,820	10	1,803	2,367	100	442	1,789	...	36	133
...	...	1	...	3	3	...	2	...	...	1	134
...	...	7	...	6	7	3	2	2	...	...	135
...	11	352	84	366	579	66	316	148	...	49	136
...	...	350	...	350	998	1	235	742	...	20	137
6	9	503	12	513	525	...	48	462	...	15	138
...	...	1	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	139
...	...	164	19	165	165	...	14	150	...	1	140
...	...	87	...	87	87	21	17	48	...	1	141
...	...	34	7	34	38	1	6	27	...	4	142
...	...	1	...	1	2	...	...	2	...	...	143
1	...	5	...	5	7	...	5	2	...	...	144
...	...	1	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	145
...	...	1	...	1	2	...	2	...	...	...	146
497	1,304	40,602	2,321	41,800	94,719	16,736	33,846	39,455	52	4,627	
5,508	5,268	113,668	9,895	110,147	262,996	85,046	96,164	60,611	311	20,864	

PROVINCIAL STATEMENT No. III—(CRIMINAL).

STATEMENT OF MISCELLANEOUS PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE CODE IN THE PUNJAB DURING THE YEAR 1920.

Nature of proceedings.	Total number for disposal (including pending from previous year).		Disposed of during the year.			Remaining under trial.	
	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.		Cases.	Persons.
				Discharged.	Convicted.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1. Proceedings against witnesses under Chapter VI C, and section 485.	10	10	4	4	...	6	6
2. Proceedings under Chapter VIII to prevent breach of the peace.	8,652	42,142	8,206	27,359	* 12,570	445	2,202
3. Proceedings under Chapter VIII, security for good behaviour.	3,499	3,743	3,251	746	(c) 2,730	248	261
4. Proceedings against local nuisances, Chapter X	157	516	138	356	77	19	83
5. Disputes as to immovable property, Chapter XII,	342	1,139	303	723	185	39	171
6. Frivolous or vexatious accusations summarily dealt with under Chapter XX, section 250.	593	710	593	16	694	...	...
7. Non-attendance of jurors or assessors, Chapter XXIII.	20	20	20	17	3	...	...
8. Maintenance, Chapter XXXVI	834	872	764	659	143	70	70
9. Forfeiture of bonds under Chapter XLII ...	1,152	1,380	1,064	743	544	88	93
10. Proceedings under Chapter XLVI, section 563, against convicted offenders released under section 562.	39	43	39	1	42	...	...
Total ...	15,298	50,575	(a) 14,382	(b) 30,684	(b) 16,988	915	2,886

* Includes 36 persons convicted under section 106, Criminal Procedure Code and 557 under Frontier Crimes Regulation.
(a) Excludes 1 case in which accused person was dead.
(b) Excludes 17 persons died.
(c) Includes 14 persons convicted under section 562, Criminal Procedure Code,
Do. 28 do. under Act V of 1918.
Do. 136 do. under Frontier Crimes Regulation.

PROVINCIAL STATEMENT No. IV—(CRIMINAL).

STATEMENT SHOWING THE GENERAL RESULT OF CRIMINAL TRIALS IN THE TRIBUNALS OF VARIOUS CLASSES IN THE PUNJAB DURING THE YEAR 1920.

PROVINCIAL STATEMENT

STATEMENT SHOWING THE GENERAL RESULT OF CRIMINAL TRIALS IN THE TRIBUNALS

Class of Tribunals.	Number of persons for disposal.								Persons whose cases con								
		Brought to trial during the year.										On regular trial.				On sum	
	Remaining at end of last year.	Under arrest otherwise than upon warrant.	Upon warrant.	On summons.	Voluntarily.	Received on reference.	Received by transfer from another district.	Total.	Died, escaped or transferred to another Province.	Discharged.	Acquitted.	Sentence passed. Appealable.	Sentence passed. Non-appealable.	Released on probation under section 562, Criminal Procedure Code.	Youthful offenders dealt with under section 31, Act VIII of 1897. Discharged after admonition.	Youthful offenders dealt with under section 31, Act VIII of 1897. Delivered to parents or guardians, &c.	Sentence passed. Appealable.	Sentence passed. Non-appealable.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
I.—Magistrates.																		
Special Magistrates ...	661	116	608	8,882	455	16	...	10,738	10	1,873	5,939	1,790	13	...	...	...	...	102
Honorary Magistrates. 2nd and 3rd class.	1,178	1,019	4,260	10,135	603	...	...	17,495	8	5,998	8,473	1,501	9	21	...	...	...	442
Honorary Magistrates. 1st class ...	1,592	4,245	6,528	11,236	946	...	...	24,547	36	9,559	6,839	3,250	2,284	53	...	...	...	...
Benches of Magistrates ...	1,449	1,895	4,236	12,347	1,084	...	...	21,011	8	5,791	2,749	3,609	...	2	...	...	261	215
Stipendiary Magistrates other than Chief Magistrates of Districts—																		
2nd and 3rd class ...	5,606	7,668	19,802	60,743	3,513	...	...	97,332	48	26,231	50,099	13,723	108	103	...	...	...	4
1st class Ordinary powers	5,607	19,802	15,630	39,513	2,042	3	3	81,600	123	31,267	14,427	13,978	9,359	128	1	1	102	4,602
1st class With section 30 powers.	739	3,702	1,618	998	76	...	...	7,133	20	1,551	1,719	1,819	598	4	...	...	...	...
Cases referred under section 348, Criminal Procedure Code, to the District or Sub-Divisional Magistrates.	...	...	...	...	...	56	...	56	...	3	2	9	34	8	...	...	...	...
Chief Magistrates of Districts. Under ordinary powers.	164	536	437	1,396	128	7	...	2,678	2	785	281	960	140	2	1	...	65	273
Chief Magistrates of Districts. Under section 30 powers.	25	194	70	18	2	...	1	310	...	90	29	169	2	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	17,021	39,177	53,189	144,568	8,859	82	4	262,900	255	83,143	97,557	40,808	12,547	319	2	1	428	5,638
II.—Courts of Sessions.																		
Original trials	111	...	...	...	...	1,397	44	1,552	15	...	583	578	9	2	...	...	...	...
References under section 374, Criminal Procedure Code.	8	...	...	...	...	62	...	70	...	...	8	35	19	4	...	...	...	...
Total ...	119	...	...	...	...	1,459	44	1,622	15	...	591	613	28	6	...	...	...	...
III.—High Court.																		
Original trials	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
References under section 374, Criminal Procedure Code.	33	...	...	...	...	(a)158	...	191	...	...	37	...	106	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	34	...	...	...	...	(a)158	...	192	...	...	37	...	107	...	...	...	...	...
Grand Total ...	17,174	39,177	53,189	144,568	8,859	1,699	48	264,714	270	83,148	98,185	41,421	12,682	325	2	1	428	5,638

(a) { Excludes persons on whom sentence of death was passed twice
Includes person of Delhi Division 1

(b) Includes 20 persons referred

No. IV—(Criminal):

OF VARIOUS CLASSES IN THE PUNJAB DURING THE YEAR 1920.

WERE DISPOSED OF.							NUMBER OF CASES DISPOSED OF.													
VICTED.								*Summons cases.*		*Warrant cases.*										
MARY TRIAL.																				
Released on probation under section 562, Criminal Procedure Code.	*Youthful offenders dealt with under section 31, Act VIII of 1897.* Discharged after admonition.	*Youthful offenders dealt with under section 31, Act VIII of 1897.* Delivered to parents or guardians, &c.	Committed or referred.	Total.	Persons remaining at the end of the year.	Number of cases brought to trial.	Enquiries under Chapter XVIII.	Tried regularly.	Tried summarily.	Tried regularly.	Tried summarily.	Convictions.	Case compounded.	Acquittals and discharges after judicial enquiry or trial.	Other acquittals and discharges.	Total.	Percentage of 32 (*a*) *plus* 32 (*b*) on the total of 32 (*a*) + (*b*) + (*c*).	Number of cases pending.	Number of cases pending over three months.	Average number of days during which each case existed.	Number of witnesses examined.
20	21	23	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32 (*a*)	32 (*b*)	32 (*c*)	32 (*d*)	32 (*e*)	33	34	35	36	37
...	...	...	...	9,727	1,011	8,062	...	2,799	121	70	...	1,052	502	926	510	2,990	62	257	25	32	5,914
...	...	...	5	16,015	1,480	6,547	...	2,012	...	4,445	...	1,035	3,196	1,687	539	6,457	71	486	42	24	9,797
...	...	...	158	22,621	1,926	9,387	46	3,013	457	5,801	15	3,805	2,189	2,498	840	9,332	70	739	107	24	29,318
9	...	...	...	19,644	1,367	9,942	...	4,052	722	5,113	7	3,579	3,490	2,186	639	9,894	76	610	95	22	10,535
4	...	...	45	90,365	6,967	38,320	...	14,791	6	22,966	...	10,106	16,027	8,431	3,109	37,763	75	2,463	272	21	64,249
8	...	...	1,189	75,183	6,417	32,921	377	10,466	4,160	17,214	256	16,730	3,991	10,091	1,691	32,493	67	2,497	338	29	111,972
...	3	4	131	5,859	1,284	2,444	35	447	....	1,915	...	1,356	108	874	59	2,397	62	389	68	46	10,360
...	...	...	...	56	...	45	...	...	...	49	...	46	...	3	...	49	94	...	...	2	27
5	...	...	1	2,515	103	1,079	1	208	263	612	16	769	48	272	11	1,100	75	59	11	21	3,791
...	...	...	...	290	20	135	...	...	...	142	...	108	...	32	2	142	77	3	...	31	1,339
26	3	4	1,529	242,265	20,635	103,891	459	37,788	5,749	58,327	294	38,866	29,551	27,000	7,460	102,617	71	7,508	988	25	256,518
...	...	...	(5) 181	1,368	184	611	...	...	...	590	...	429	1	142	18	590	75	74	4	39	7,905
...	...	...	...	66	4	59	...	...	...	62	...	55	...	6	1	62	90	4	...	46	181
...	...	...	181	1,434	188	670	...	...	...	652	...	484	1	148	19	652	77	78	4	49	10,066
...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1	100	...	...	59	13
...	...	...	...	143	48	124	...	...	...	110	...	90	...	20	...	110	82	38	1	52	...
...	...	...	...	144	48	124	...	...	...	111	...	91	...	20	...	111	82	38	1	53	13
26	3	4	1,710	243,843	20,871	104,685	459	37,788	5,749	59,090	294	39,241	29,552	27,168	7,479	103,380	72	7,619	993	25	264,317

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STATEMENT SHOWING THE PUNISHMENTS INFLICTED BY THE VARIOUS

Class of Tribunals.	Persons sentenced to														
	Death.	Transportation.		Penal servitude.	Imprisonment.			Forfeiture of property.	Fine.		Whipping.		Persons sentenced to find or give		
		For life.	For a term.		*Rigorous.*		Simple.		With imprisonment or transportation.	Without imprisonment or transportation.	In addition to other punishment.	In lieu of other punishment.	Sureties to keep the peace.	Recognizance to keep the peace.	Sureties for good behaviour.
					With solitary confinement.	Without solitary confinement.									
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
I.—Magistrates.															
Special Magistrates	...	...	...	...	6	59	29	...	81	1,642	...	...	...	...	...
Honorary Magistrates. 2nd and 3rd class	...	...	...	...	41	356	25	...	326	1,069	...	1	...	...	14
Honorary Magistrates. 1st class	...	...	...	...	620	904	81	...	596	1,969	1	88	1,705	224	633
Benches of Magistrates	...	...	...	...	8	205	28	...	157	3,740	...	...	...	...	1
Stipendiary Magistrates other than Chief Magistrates of Districts—															
2nd and 3rd class	...	...	...	...	233	2,089	243	...	1,404	11,536	...	4	...	...	27
1st class Ordinary powers	...	...	...	...	1,828	4,708	313	...	2,124	8,631	17	464	9,944	447	1,654
1st class Section 30 powers	...	...	...	...	1,047	516	18	...	355	61	8	20	...	...	...
Cases referred under section 349, Criminal Procedure Code, to the District or Sub-Divisional Magistrates	...	...	...	...	3	5	...	...	...	2	...	33	...	...	1
Chief Magistrates of Districts. Under ordinary powers	...	...	...	...	95	137	15	...	98	431	1	21	699	22	24
Chief Magistrates of Districts. Under section 30 powers	...	...	...	...	92	75	2	...	38	...	...	5	...	...	...
Total	...	...	...	...	3,973	9,054	754	...	5,183	29,081	27	636	12,348	693	2,354
II.—Courts of Sessions.															
Original trials	...	...	...	...	133	213	4	1	7	8	...	1	6	...	3
References	...	...	...	...	6	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24
Total	...	...	191	27	...	139	214	4	1	7	8	...	1	6	...	27
III.—Chief Court.															
Original trials	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
References under section 374, Criminal Procedure Code	...	87	17	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	...	87	17	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grand Total	...	87	208	27	...	4,112	9,271	758	1	5,190	29,089	27	637	12,354	693	2,381
										34,279		664			

No. V—(Criminal).

CRIMINAL TRIBUNALS IN THE PUNJAB DURING THE YEAR 1920.

Persons imprisoned in default of furnishing security for good behaviour.		Detail of Punishment.																			
		Fine.										Imprisonment.									
												15 days and under.		6 months and under.		2 years and under.		Above 2 years.		Above 7 years.	
Rigorous.	Simple.	Rs. 10 and under.	Rs. 50 and under.	Rs. 100 and under.	Rs. 500 and under.	Rs. 1,000 and under.	Above Rs. 1, 00.	Total amount of fine imposed.	Amount realized.	Amount ordered by way of compensation.	Amount paid by way of compensation.	Rigorous.	Simple.	Rigorous.	Simple.	Rigorous.	Simple.	Rigorous.	Simple.	Rigorous.	Simple.
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38
								Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.										
...	...	1,053	660	10	...	...		23,858	22,591	1,195	272	31	10	34	19	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	767	527	89	12	...	...	27,200	22,610	1,614	948	65	14	325	11	7	...	...	...	...	...
40	...	1,429	858	210	66	2	...	63,257	48,282	9,492	4,667	115	50	741	30	689	1	19	...	...	...
...	...	3,413	421	44	19	..	...	24,588	21,480	991	499	47	17	166	11	...	....	...	...		...
...	...	8,741	3,656	460	82	1	...	1,71,711	1,46,253	17,652	5,170	330	153	1,966	90	26	...	...	...	...	...
132	11	6,205	2,839	1,215	443	56	1	3,47,397	2,09,596	33,609	10,586	346	170	2,829	127	3,455	27	38	...	...	...
....	...	31	149	101	121	13	1	47,596	13,546	3,455	905	6	11	139	6	530	1	888	...	...	...
...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	1	..	4	...	3	...	...	...	...	...
1	...	198	183	77	60	11	...	40,935	43,692	25,653	24,898	8	14	68	1	81	...	76	...	...	...
...	...	4	5	11	12	4	2	12,200	5,455	625	200	...	2	14		47	...	106	...	...	...
173	11	21,843	9,298	2,217	815	87	4	7,53,742	5,34,003	88,285	48,144	949	441	6,286	295	4,838	29	1,127	...	...	...
...	...	...	8	6	...	...	1	3,540	242	2,000	100	...	1	13	2	75	1	190	...	68	...
19	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12		14	...	...	...
19	...	...	8	6	...	...	1	3,540	242	2,000	100	...	1	13	2	87	1	204	...	68	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...
192	11	21,843	9,306	2,223	815	87	5	7,62,282	5,34,245	90,285	48,244	949	442	6,299	297	4,926	30	1,332	...	69	...

PROVINCIAL STATEMENT No. V-A—(CRIMINAL).

STATEMENT SHOWING THE PARTICULARS OF WHIPPINGS INFLICTED BY THE CRIMINAL TRIBUNALS OF THE PUNJAB DURING THE YEAR 1920.

PART I.

Showing whippings inflicted under sections 3 and 4, Act IV of 1909, in lieu of other punishments.

Offences for which awarded.	Number of persons awarded			Total
	5 to 10 stripes.	11 to 20 stripes.	21 to 30 stripes.	
1	2	3	4	5
In lieu of other punishments.				
1. Theft, as defined in section 378 of the Indian Penal Code other than theft by a clerk or servant of property in possession of his master.	64	122	71	257
2. Theft in a building, tent or vessel, as defined in section 380 of the said Code ...	18	42	17	72
3. Theft after preparation for causing death or hurt as defined in section 382 of the said Code.	5	15	1	21
4. Lurking, house-trespass or house-breaking, as defined in sections 443 and 445 of the said Code, in order to the committing of any offence punishable with whipping under this section.	6	22	24	52
5. Lurking, house-trespass by night or house-breaking by night, as defined in sections 444 and 446 of the said Code, in order to the committing of any offence punishable with whipping under this section.	19	63	37	119
6. Abetting, committing or attempting to commit, rape, as defined in section 375 of the said Code.	1	8	8	17
7. Compelling or inducing any person by fear of bodily injury, to submit to an unnatural offence as defined in section 377 of the said Code.	3	10	6	19
8. Voluntarily causing hurt in committing or attempting to commit robbery, as defined in section 390 of the said Code.	...	1	...	1
9. Committing dacoity as defined in section 391 of the said Code	...	...	...	...
10. Offence under section 411, Indian Penal Code	1	1	1	3
11. Offence under section 454, Indian Penal Code	...	...	1	1
12. Offence under section 403, Indian Penal Code	...	2	2	4
13. Offence under section 403, Indian Penal Code	...	...	2	2
14. Offence under section 420, Indian Penal Code	1	...	...	1
15. Offence under section 376, Indian Penal Code	...	1	...	1
16. Offence under section 354, Indian Penal Code	...	1	...	1
17. Offence under section 457, Indian Penal Code	...	2	...	2
18. Arms Act	...	1	...	1
Total ...	118	291	170	574

PART II.

Showing whippings inflicted in addition to other punishments, section 4, Act IV of 1909.

In addition to other punishments.				
1. Abetting, committing or attempting to commit rape, as defined in section 375 of the Indian Penal Code.	...	3	2	5
2. Compelling or inducing any person by fear of bodily injury, to submit to an unnatural offence as defined in section 377 of the said Code.	...	2	...	2
3. Voluntarily causing hurt in committing or attempting to commit robbery, as defined in section 390 of the said Code.	3	9	2	14
4. Committing dacoity as defined in section 391 of the said Code	...	...	...	...
5. Section 325, Indian Penal Code	...	2	...	2
6. Section 380, Indian Penal Code	...	1	...	1
7. Section 376, Indian Penal Code	...	2	...	2
Section 457, Indian Penal Code	...	1	...	1
Total ...	3	20	4	27

No. V-A—*concluded.*

PART III.

Showing whippings inflicted under section 5, Act IV of 1909, on juveniles or offences other than those specified in Parts I and II.

Offences.	Number of persons awarded			Total.
	5 to 10 stripes.	11 to 20 stripes.	21 to 30 stripes.	
1	2	3	4	5
Under sections 380 and 381 of Indian Penal Code	8	3	...	11
Do. do. 411 ,, ,, ...	1	2	...	3
Do. do. 379 ,, ,, ...	10	12	...	22
Do. do. 403 ,, ,, ...	...	1	...	1
Do. do. 408 ,, ,, ...	...	1	...	1
Do. do. 454 ,, ,, ...	...	3	...	3
Do. do. 406 ,, ,, ...	1	...	...	1
Do. do. 240 ,, ,, ...	...	1	...	1
Do. do. 457 ,, ,, ...	5	8	...	13
Do. do. 376 ,, ,, ...	...	2	...	2
Do. do. 420 ,, ,, ...	...	1	...	1
Do Act IX of 1890	2	1	...	3
Total ...	27	35	...	62

PART IV.

Showing relative number of times whipping was awarded, as compared with other punishments.

Punishments.	Number.
1	2
1. Total number of whippings awarded	662
2. Total number of other punishments in cases in which whipping might have been awarded.	3,076
3. Total number of all punishments in cases in which whipping might have been awarded (total of headings 1 and 2).	3,739
4. Percentage of whippings on total number of all punishments (percentage of heading 1 on heading 3).	18

PROVINCIAL STATEMENT No. VI—(CRIMINAL).

STATEMENT SHOWING THE RESULT OF APPEALS AND REVISIONS IN CRIMINAL CASES IN THE PUNJAB DURING THE YEAR 1920.

TRIBUNALS.	NUMBER OF PERSONS.											Average number of days during which each appeal lasted.	Remarks showing number of persons dealt with under section 106 (3) of the Code, or under section 8, clause (2), of the Reformatory Schools Act.
	Total number of appellants and applicants for revision before the Courts.	Died, escaped or transferred.	Appeals or applications rejected.	Sentence or order confirmed after hearing.	Sentence enhanced.	Sentence reduced or otherwise altered.	Sentence or order reversed.	Proceedings quashed.	New trial or commitment ordered.	Referred for revision to the High Court.	Pending trial.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
APPEALS.													
To—													
District Magistrates ...	7,982	6	12	3,889	11	1,081	1,998	24	392	...	574	23	5
Courts of Sessions ...	(a)8,496	12	1,823	2,749	6	1,299	1,915	2	111	...	472	24	...
High Court { By persons convicted.	1,562	12	13	818	...	168	240	...	1	...	310	93	...
High Court { By Government from judgments of acquittal.	39	...	...	20	...	...	14	...	...	...	5	141	...
Total ...	18,079	30	1,848	7,476	17	2,648	4,162	26	504	...	1,361	29	6
REVISION.													
By—													
District Magistrates ...	3,214	...	2,113	...	...	...	...	...	776	66	259	25	...
Courts of Sessions ...	2,647	...	1,836	...	...	...	...	...	206	225	380	37	...
High Court ...	3,649	...	1,906	452	44	271	492	5	55	...	424	53	...
Total ...	9,510	...	5,855	452	44	271	492	5	1,037	291	1,063	37	...
GRAND TOTAL ...	27,589	30	7,703	7,928	61	2,919	4,654	31	1,541	291	2,424	32	6

(a) Includes 2 persons transferred to the Political Agent, Phulkian States, and 5 transferred to other districts within the province.

PROVINCIAL STATEMENT No. VII—(CRIMINAL).

STATEMENT SHOWING THE USE OF JURIES AND ASSESSORS IN THE CRIMINAL COURTS IN THE PROVINCE OF THE PUNJAB IN THE YEAR 1920.

Classes of Courts in which Jurors or Assessors are employed.		Established or average number of Jury or Assessors in each case and prescribed qualifications.	Number of accused persons in jury trials. As to whom the Judge				Number of accused persons in trials with assessors. As to whom the Judge				Remarks.
			Tried.	Approved verdict.	Did not approve of verdict.	Made reference under Section 307, Criminal Procedure Code.	Tried.	Agreed with all the Assessors.	Differed from one or more, but not from all the Assessors.	Differed from all the Assessors.	
1		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Magistrates' Courts under Chapter X, Criminal Procedure Code—Jurors.		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Courts of Sessions ...	Jurors	...	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Assessors	...	8	...	...	...	1,278	1,021	116	141	
High Court's Original (Criminal) Jurisdiction—Jurors.			9	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	

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FROM

J. WILSON-JOHNSTON, ESQ., C.B.E., I.C.S.,

Home Secretary to Government, Punjab,

To

THE REGISTRAR, HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT LAHORE.

Dated Lahore, the 21st October 1922.

SUBJECT :—*Note on the administration of Civil Justice in the Punjab for the calendar year ending the 31st December* 1921.

Home.

Judicial.

SIR,

IN acknowledging receipt of your letter No. 5077-G., dated the 5th October 1922, and its annexures, on the subject cited above, I am directed to request that the thanks of His Excellency the Governor in Council may be communicated to the Hon'ble Judges for their able administration of Civil Justice during the past year.

I have, &c.,

J. WILSON-JOHNSTON,

Home Secretary to Government, Punjab.

1123 CS—381—1—11-22—SGPP Lahore.

Note on the Administration in Civil Justice during the calendar year 1921.

Territorial Jurisdiction.

1. The area of the territories to which the statements relate is 96,686 square miles and the population, 19,549,372 according to the census of 1911. The figures of the census of 1921 are not yet available. The Delhi Province and the Biloch Trans-Frontier Territory do not come within the scope of this note.

During the year no change took place in the constitution and jurisdiction of the Civil Courts in the Punjab. The number of the Judicial and Revenue Districts remained the same as last year, namely, 21 and 29, respectively.

Number of suits instituted.

(Statement II, Part I).

2. The total number of original civil suits instituted in all Courts was 177,184 against 198,951 in the preceding year, a decrease of 21,767, including a decrease of 17,931 in money suits.

The following table shows the number of suits instituted during the past ten years :—

Year.	*Suits.*
1912	199,866
1913	191,702
1914	195,266
1915	199,166
1916	194,864
1917	202,893
1918	174,408
1919	189,109
1920	198,951
1921	177,184

Suits by bankers and shopkeepers.

(Statement II, part I.)

3. The total number of suits for money or moveable property brought by bankers and shopkeepers against agriculturists fell from 72,243 to 59,674.

The Judges observe that, whereas in Gurgaon, Hissar, Jhelum, Dera Ghazi Khan, Mianwali and Gurdaspur the percentages on all suits of suits by bankers and shopkeepers against agriculturists are 63, 53, 53, 52, 49 and 46, respectively, the corresponding figures for Lahore, Ludhiana, Jullundur, Ambala, Hoshiarpur and Lyallpur are 15, 17, 18, 21, 21 and 23. The reason for these variations is difficult to ascertain. As they may be due to error in classification, the Inspecting Judge will be asked to inquire into this matter on his winter tours.

Suits for money or moveable property.

(Statement II, Part I).

4. The number of suits for money and moveable property fell from 161,490 to 143,559 : the percentage of these suits on all suits was the same as last year, *viz.*, 81.

Suits for pre-emption.

(Statement II, Part I).

5. The number of suits to establish a right of pre-emption fell from 8,346 to 6,556, a decrease of 1,790, or about 27 per cent.

The numbers of pre-emption suits in the district of Ludhiana for 1919, 1920 and 1921 were 174, 422 and 367. In spite of this year's decrease the figures are still abnormal. The District Judge of Ludhiana remarks that "the law of pre-emption continues to be a weapon of blackmail and the sooner it is abrogated the better."

Matrimonial suits.

(Statement II, Part I).

6. There has been a decrease of 388 cases in matrimonial suits.

The following note by a District Judge is of interest :—

" The matrimonial cases indicate clearly how low the morality of the entire agricultural population in the district is. Very often the suits are instituted not with the object of composing matual differences for future marital happiness but for the real purpose of recovering the expenses incurred originally in obtaining the woman. Women, mostly of low caste, seem to be imported from outside and sold from hand to hand and from village to village and the demand for women is leading to considerable cheating and fraud being practised. A Jat or Gujjar in special does not want to make enquiries to satisfy himself as to the antecedents of the woman offered. It is sufficient that there are a couple of persons who say she is a Rajputani and payment is made and *karewa* or marriage duly solemnized. The marriage, if unsatisfactory later on, is easily dissolved by the woman being sold to some one else."

In paragraph 7 of the " Report on the Administration of Civil Justice in the Punjab " for 1916 mention was made of the practice whereby a wife, discontented with her lot, sued for the dissolution of marriage on the ground of her conversion to Christianity. The District Judge of Sialkot writes that the practice of endeavouring to procure release from a Muhammadan marriage by a pretended conversion to Christianity has now ceased in his district. In this connection he, however, remarks :—

" Matrimonial cases between Indian Christians, who are numerous in this district and mostly belong to the humbler ranks of society, occasionally come before the District Courts though they are few in number compared to the Christian population. It is open to question whether the procedure under the Indian Divorce Act is not too cumbrous and expensive for a petitioner of small means. This is the opinion of missionaries who do not, as a rule, regard divorces with favour, but admit that an innocent party is sometimes entitled to relief. I am inclined to think that in cases between Indian Christians the District Judge should be empowered to make his own decree for dissolution absolute after 6 months provided that no appeal against the decree has been lodged in the High Court. Further in such cases a smaller Court fee than Rs. 20 might be allowed."

The Judges are not at present prepared to offer any opinion on this suggestion.

Value of suits.
(Statement No. III.)

7. The value of suits instituted rose from Rs. 5,96,56,0 8 to Rs. 6,14,59,839 and the average value from Rs. 300 to Rs. 347.

Details of the suits instituted during the past two years are given in the following table :—

Value. Rs.	Year 1920. (Number.)	Year 1921. (Number.)
1—10	13,155	10,632
11—50	53,510	46,258
51—100	47,583	40,687
101—500	62,636	56,986
501—1,000	13,074	12,974
1,001—5,000	7,512	7,927
5,001—10,000	921	908
10,001—1,00,000	325	405
Over 1,00,000	15	13
Unclassed	420	382

Disposal of suits.
(Statement IV, Part I.)

8. There were 243,195 regular suits before the Courts, out of which 190,894 were disposed of, leaving a balance of 52,301 pending at the end of the year. The corresponding figures for the previous year were 253, 607, 197,022 and 56,585.

The following table shows the manner in which these suits were disposed of :—

		Per cent.
(*i*)	Without trial	19·2
(*ii*)	Without contest	51·8
(*iii*)	After contest	27·8
(*iv*)	On reference to arbitration	1·2

Below is shown in tabular form the disposals of original suits by various Courts :—

Class of Court.	Number.	Percentage.
1. Sub-Judges	11,688	6
2. Assistant and Extra Assistant Commissioners ...	1,350	·6
3. Munsifs with ordinary Small Cause Court powers	152,910	79·8
4. Small Cause Courts	9,490	5·
5. Tahsildars and Naib-Tahsildars	1,805	·8
6. Honorary Civil Judges	13,543	7·8

The average number of suits disposed of by each Munsif was 1,662, which compares unfavourably with the number 1,758 for 1920.

Percentage of successful suits.

9. Of the total number of suits which were disposed of after contest or on reference to arbitration judgment was given for the plaintiff in whole or in part in 41,584, or 75·3 per cent, and for the defendant in 13,607, or 24·7 per cent.

Miscellaneous suits.
(Statement, IV Part II.)

10. In addition to the regular suits dealt with in the preceding paragraphs the Courts disposed of 36,461 miscellaneous suits as against 37,660 during the previous year. The percentage of contested suits on the total number of miscellaneous suits was 53·2 and the average duration of each case was the same as in the previous year, *viz.*, 42.

Average duration.
(Statement, IV Part I.)

11. The average duration of contested suits in all Courts was 112 days and of uncontested suits 61. The corresponding figures for the previous year were 92 and 51 respectively. This rise may be attributed in part at least to the disposal of old cases pending *sine die* on account of the war.

The average duration in the Courts of Munsifs rose from 89 to 108 days for contested and from 56 to 68 for uncontested suits heard under ordinary powers and under Small Cause Court powers from 49 to 55 for contested and from 34 to 43 for uncontested. The average duration for all contested cases in the Courts of Munsifs was the same as last year, *i. e.*, 83. These figures are still too high.

Guardians and Wards.
(Statement II, Part II.)

12. Applications for certificate of guardianship of minors or of administration of their property under Act VIII of 1890 dropped from 2,202 to 1,897.

The system of keeping minors' money has been found faulty, and at the suggestion of the Judges the accounts of some districts have been checked by the Accounts Department of the High Court. Necessary steps are being taken to frame a set of rules and stereotype the forms of registers, and it is hoped that the present difficulties will then disappear.

It is reported from certain districts that considerable difficulty is experienced in the management of the estates of minors whose guardians have been appointed by the Court, because the Act does not give the Courts sufficient powers to secure compliance with their orders. A suggestion has been made that it would conduce to the better management of minors' estates if the District Judges were authorized by law to recover in a summary manner rent of estates leased out through them in the same manner as under the Indian Companies' Act and the Insolvency Act. The Judges are at present unable to offer any remarks on this suggestion, but it is engaging their attention.

Insolvency.
(Statement VII, Part I.)

13. Insolvency petitions fell from 893 to 793, or including those pending from the previous year from 1,232 to 1,151, of which 386 were withdrawn or not prosecuted as against 371 in the previous year. The number of applications allowed fell from 367 to 293. As pointed out last year, this steady decrease in insolvency work appears to be due to the alteration in the law as the new Insolvency Act, V of 1920, does not afford debtors the same facilities as the old Act for evading payment of their debts.

14. As regards applications for execution of decrees, the following table shows the figures for the year under review compared with those of the previous year :—

Execution of decrees.
(Statement VI.)

Year.	Applications presented.	Applications disposed of.	Number of applications pending.
1920	156,763	152,498	35,980
1921	138,586	137,986	36,580

Out of the total number of applications for execution disposed of, 1,408 were disposed of by transfer, in 32,233 satisfaction was obtained in full and in 20,443 in part, while 83,902, at least nominally, were wholly infructuous. The corresponding figures for the previous year were 1,206, 35,818, 23,873 and 91,601.

The total amount realized in execution amounted to Rs. 67,61,995 in 1921 as against Rs. 65,25,704 in the previous year. The percentage of realizations was the same as in the previous year, *i.e*, 24. It was highest in Rawalpindi and lowest in Kangra.

The number of cases in which judgment-debtors were imprisoned rose from 231 to 250. The number of persons arrested, but released without imprisonment, was 2,846 as against 3,318 in the previous year. The number of cases in which immoveable property was sold rose from 1,808 to 2,044.

15. The following table shows the results of appeals from decrees disposed of by all Civil Appellate Courts during the year as compared with those disposed of during 1920 :—

Appeals.
(Statement V, Part I.)

Year.	Appeals presented.	Objections under Order XLI, Rule 22, Civil Procedure Code.	Appeals decided.	Pending.
1920	15,095	335	14,204	6,753
1921	15,588	260	15,265	7,076

The Senior Sub-Judges and other Sub-Judges invested with appellate powers disposed of 3,322 appeals as against 3,456 last year. Of the total number of appeals decided, 204 were dismissed under Order XLI, Rule II, of the Code of Civil Procedure, and 152 for default or as not prosecuted. Excluding 3 appeals transferred from one district to another, the manner in which the remaining 2,963 were disposed of is shown in the following table :—

1.	Appeals in which the decree was confirmed ...	1,486, or 50·1
2.	Appeals in which the decree was modified ...	403, or 13·6
3.	Appeals in which the decree was reversed ...	739, or 24·9
4.	Appeals in which the case was remanded ...	335, or 11·4

HIGH COURT.

16. The Hon'ble Sir Shadi Lal, Kt., presided as Chief Justice over the High Court throughout the year. There were many changes amongst the Hon'ble Judges owing to certain of them being on leave and owing to the appointment of two additional Judges. The following gentlemen sat for various periods on the Bench in the course of the year :—

High Court Judges.

The Hon'ble Sir William Chevis, Kt.
The „ Mr. Justice Scott-Smith.
„ „ „ leRossignol.
„ „ „ Leslie Jones.
„ „ „ Broadway.
„ „ „ Abdul Raoof.
„ „ „ Wilberforce.
„ „ „ Martineau.
„ „ „ Harrison.
„ „ „ Moti Sagar.
„ „ „ Abdul Qadir.
„ „ „ Campbell.

No Inspecting Judge was appointed in the autumn of 1921.

The work of the High Court on the civil side.

17. The institutions of civil cases in the High Court during the past five years are shown in the following table :—

Year.	Original suits.	First appeals.	Second and further appeals.	Appeals from orders.	Letters Patent appeals.	Applications for revision.	References.	Others.	Remarks.
1917	19	194	2,656	593	...	1,144	44	658	
1918	23	215	2,473	540	..	1,013	45	647	
1919	11	164	2,088	396	60	936	33	576	
1920	27	191	2,236	388	186	942	63	557	
1921	12	273	2,151	419	252	970	59	*579	

* This includes 32 probate cases (Miscellaneous Original Suits) instituted during the year.

The number of appeals disposed of during the same period is given below :—

Year.	Appeals from decrees.	For disposal.			Disposed of.	Pending.
		Pending.	Instituted.	Total.		
1917	First appeals (*a*) ...	512	190	702	152	550
	Do. do. (*b*) ...	56	4	60	44	16
	Further appeals ...	1	...	1	1	...
	Second appeals ...	1,485	2,656	4,141	2,363	1,778
	Total ...	2,054	2,850	4,904	2,560	2,344
1918	First appeals (*a*) ...	550	195	745	138	607
	Do. do. (*b*) ...	16	20	36	10	26
	Further appeals ...	...	...	...	...	...
	Second appeals ...	1,778	2,473	4,251	2,632	1,619
	Total ...	2,344	2,688	5,032	2,780	2,252
1919	First appeals (*a*) ...	607	163	770	163	607
	Do. do. (*b*) ...	26	1	27	12	15
	Second appeals ...	1,619	2,088	3,707	2,153	1,554
	Letters Patent appeals...	...	60	60	44	16
	Total ...	2,252	2,312	4,564	2,372	2,192
1920	First appeals (*a*) ...	607	191	798	134	664
	Do. do. (*b*) ...	15	...	15	1	14
	Second appeals ...	1,554	2,236.	3,790	2,100	1,690
	Letters Patent appeals...	16	186	202	167	35
	Total ...	2,192	2,613	4,805	2,402	2,403
1921	First appeals (*a*) ...	664	273	937	142	795
	Do. do. (*b*) ...	14	...	14	1	13
	Second appeals ...	1,690	2,151	3,841	2,453	1,388
	Letters Patent appeals...	35	252	287	193	94
	Total ...	2,403	2,676	5,079	2,789	2,290

Note.—First appeals (*a*) are ordinary first appeals under section 39 (1) (*b*) of the Punjab Courts Act, which, if admitted to a hearing, are laid before a Bench of two Judges. First appeals (*b*) are appeals from decrees passed by District Judges (old style) in suits of value not exceeding Rs. 5,000 prior to 1st August 1914, the date on which this class of Court ceased to exist. It has been ruled by the Chief Court (30 P. R. 1915) that such appeals lie not to the District Judges (new style), but to the Chief Court. They are disposed of by a Single Judge and classified separately as above.

The following table gives details of the pending files on the 31st of December of each year of the last five years, including Miscellaneous and Letters Patent Appeals:—

Year.	Appeals not admitted or rejected on 31st December.	Appeals admitted to a Division Bench.	Appeals admitted to a Single Bench.	Total.	Revisions.
1917	284	1,361	1,063	2,708	360
1918	265	1,486	762	2,513	306
1919	215	1,710	434	2,359	290
1920	174	1,948	487	2,609	290
1921	156	1,900	446	2,502	277

The above figures show that, although the total pending file of civil cases (*i. e.*, First, Second and Letters Patent Appeals) of all descriptions fell from 2,403 at the end of 1920 to 2,290 at the end of 1921, the number of pending First Appeals has increased by 130 and of Letters Patent Appeals by 59. Institutions of First Appeals in 1921 were 273 against 191 in 1920 and 164 in 1919. Further, considerable increase occurred in criminal institutions in 1921, murder references having risen from 124 in 1920 to 191 in 1921, the latter being by far the highest figure of the last three years. Criminal appeals also show a substantial rise of 254 in 1921 as compared with 1920. The outturn of work during 1921 was considerably greater than that of 1920. The present state of work again points to the necessity for the appointment of Additional Judges and a recommendation has again been made to Government for the continued employment of the three Additional Judges for a further period of two years, with effect from 12th October 1922. The Judges are convinced that it will be impossible to reduce the pending file to a normal figure without such help.

As a result of the recommendations alluded to in paragraph 25 of last year's note on the Administration of Civil Justice two Additional Judges (in addition to the "Eighth Judge") were sanctioned for one year (not for two as recommended by the Judges) for the reduction of the accumulation of work in the High Court. The Judges take this opportunity of expressing their appreciation of the readiness with which the Local Government acceded to their recommendations. These Additional Judges were entertained with effect from 12th October 1921. They thus, roughly speaking, actually worked in this Court for ten weeks in the year under review.

MATTERS OF GENERAL INTEREST.

Liquidation of companies and banks.

18. A special report by the District Judge, Montgomery, on the liquidation of companies and banks gives a clear picture of the present position and is here quoted *extension*—

"Steady progress has been maintained during the year.

The following seven companies have been finally dissolved :—

(1) The Popular Bank, Limited, Rawalpindi (creditors received 16 annas in the rupee).

(2) The Eureka Porcelain Works, Limited, Lahore (creditors were paid 11 annas 6 pies in the rupee).

(3) The Delhi and Punjab Bank, Limited, Lahore (creditors were paid 16 annas in the rupee).

(4) The Derajat Sindh Bank, Limited (creditors were paid 16 annas in the rupee).

(5) The Bank of Peshawar, Limited (creditors were paid 16 annas in the rupee).

(6) The Upper India Real Estate Co. Limited (creditors were paid 16 annas in the rupee and interest).

(7) The Bank of Asia, Limited (creditors were paid 16 annas in the rupee).

Of the ten concerns still on the active list the following companies are almost ready for final orders :—

(1) The Punjab Sugar Manufacturing Co., Limited.

(2) The Hindustan Bank, Limited.

In both cases the results of appeals to the High Court are awaited.

In respect of the other eight concerns a few details may be of interest.

(1) *The Doaba Bank, Limited.*—The assets of this concern were sold to a Syndicate for Rs. 1,05,000 on the 24th March 1918 and subsequently on 19th August 1918 an agreement was entered into between the Official Liquidator and the vendees under which the Official Liquidator executed a power-of-attorney in favour of the vendees in order to enable them to apply under section 150 of the I. C. A., of 1882, on behalf of the Liquidator to recover the debts and the calls due from the contributories. The vendees accordingly presented an application under section 150 for recovery of Rs. 80,000 from the partners of Phagwara Mills, mostly residents of the Kapurthala State. It was held that the use of section 150 by the vendees was not legally justifiable whose application was therefore dismissed. This view was upheld by the High Court on appeal. After the decision of the above appeal the vendees declined to pay the balance of the sale money and the Official Liquidator then brought a suit against the vendees in this Court. The latter have counterclaimed for damages on the ground that the failure of the Liquidator to implement the agreement, dated 19th August 1918, had caused them serious loss. In these circumstances some delay must inevitably occur before this Company can be dissolved. The creditors have, however, been paid in full and only certain adjustments of the rights of contributories *inter se* remain.

(2) *Lahore Bank, Limited.*—The third call of 25 per cent bringing up the total call to 75 per cent made last year is still being realized. A dividend of 1 anna, bringing up the total distribution to 15 annas a rupee has been declared this year and is in course of payment.

(3) *The National Insurance Banking Co., Limited.*—The second general dividend of annas 8 bringing up the total distribution to annas 12 in the case of general creditors and to Re. 0-13-6 in the case of insured creditors is still in course of payment. The Official Liquidator instituted a few test execution proceedings in the Mysore Court for recovery of the call money from the contributors of that State from whom a large sum is due. The District Judge, Mysore, however, has held that payment orders of British Courts cannot be executed in the Mysore Courts. The Official Liquidator has preferred an appeal on this point to the Mysore Chief Court, the result of which is awaited. The prospects of any further dividend depend chiefly upon recoveries from this State.

(4) *The Amritsar National Banking Co., Limited.*—This is closely allied to the foregoing concern and so far only a dividend of two annas has been distributed.

(5) *The Swadeshi Weaving Co.*—The misfeasance case in this Company against the Calcutta Branch Manager referred to in last year's report is at last nearing a conclusion. The evidence has now been recorded on commission at Calcutta and the case is now fixed for arguments. After the disposal of this case it should be possible to dissolve this concern.

(6) *The Industrial Bank of India, Limited.*—A further general dividend of anna 1 bringing up the total distribution to annas 10 a rupee was declared this year and is in course of payment. The proceedings in the Multan suit referred to in the last report are still pending and little progress appears to have been

made owing to difficulties in regard to the account books of the defendant firm which are said to be in the hands of the Official Receiver, Karachi.

(7) *Orient Bank of India, Limited.*—The Official Liquidator has during this year paid the third and fourth dividend of anna 1 and annas 2, respectively, while a fifth dividend of anna 1 bringing up the total distribution to annas 8 a rupee is in course of payment. The concern suffered a great loss during voluntary Liquidation through the negligence of the Voluntary Liquidators and the embezzlement and falsification of accounts by the Manager, Abdul Haq. A payment order for Rs. 16,000 was passed against the latter and eventually criminal proceedings were taken against him in 1918. These have been delayed, because the accused absconded and has only recently been arrested. There is, however, little hope of much recovery from this debtor as his property has been all dissipated. In the misfeasance case against the two Voluntary Liquidators, one of them compromised, while a decree for Rs 3,000 was passed against the other. An appeal preferred against this decree is pending in the High Court.

(8) *The Punjab Building Co.* is an off-shoot of the foregoing concern. An appeal was preferred to the High Court in the case referred to in the last report; both that and a further Letters Patent Appeal were rejected. A few recoveries have still to be made from the contributories, but it should be possible shortly to pass final orders.

The High Court decided three important appeals during this year. On appeal under Letters Patent the Bench affirmed the order of the Single Judge, who had held that a payment order passed subsequent to a sale of the assets was *ultra vires.*

In the second appeal a Bench upheld an order in which it had been held that a Liquidation Court so long as it is in existence can enforce payment orders already passed by itself even after the dissolution of the Company.

In the appeal of Notan Das, assignee, *versus* Thakar Lachhman Singh, Judgment-debtor, the Bench confirmed the view taken that the provisions of Order XXI, Rule 16, Civil Procedure Code, are of a mandatory nature, and that non-compliance with them renders all proceedings in execution void. This decision removes certain doubts on the point occasioned by the Bench decision published at page 157, P. L. R., 1900.

Execution work in the Court is still very heavy, the number of such cases at present pending being 800."

Official Receivers.

19. No change occurred in the number of Official Receivers in Insolvency. The scheme is working satisfactorily.

Defalcations.

20. As mentioned in the concluding portion of paragraph 30 of the last year's " Note on the Administration of Civil Justice," the Accountant-General was asked by Government to undertake the special audit of the accounts of the Civil Nazir at Ambala. No report of this special audit has so far been received by the High Court.

In the course of the annual inspection and audit of the Nazir's petty accounts, it was found that a sum of Rs. 328-14-6 out of the amounts received by the Naib Nazir at Rupar on account of diet money had been misappropriated. The amount was made good by the Naib Nazir, who was subsequently dismissed.

The Nazir attached to the Court of the Munsif at Nawashahr was suspected of having embezzled Rs. 3,000 and on a special audit of his accounts it transpired that the actual amount misappropriated amounted to Rs 5,206-10-0, which has been recovered from the relatives of the Nazir. Further items have since been found to require investigation and the District Judge has been asked to submit a complete report in the whole case.

During the year under review a case of defalcation of the money of the minors' estates at Gujranwala came to light. The accounts were first examined by the Assistant Deputy Registrar of this Court, who discovered a defalcation of Rs. 12,298-12-9. A special audit was then carried out by the Accountant-General's Department which discovered a further sum of

Rs. 187-9-3 to have been embezzled. From the audit notes it appeared to the Judges that certain items required further examination, and the District Judge has been directed to make a full investigation and submit his report at an early date.

Special Kanungos.

21. The agency of the Special Kanungo is doing useful work and is of much assistance to Courts in dealing with complicated land suits. From several quarters it has been reported that the income from fees charged for the service of the Special Kanungo is increasing and in one district the net income amounted to Rs. 1,674. The Judges are contemplating a scheme to relieve the Special Kanungo of the accounts part of his duties in order to allow him to devote more time to his case work.

The Financial Commissioners have issued instructions to the Revenue Courts to utilize the services of Special Kanungos in the same way as the Civil Courts. But it is doubtful whether the present staff of Special Kanungos can deal with this additional work, as some District Judges have already asked for the appointment of Assistants to the Special Kanungos to enable them to dispose of the civil work. This is a question which will be considered by the Inspecting Judge during the next cold weather.

Process Servers.

22. In paragraph 35 of last year's note on the Administration of Civil Justice a hope was expressed that, with the improvement of the pay of the Process-serving establishment, which has recently been revised, a better class of men would be available with consequent improvement in this important work. The Judges, however, regret to observe that this hope has not been realised in full. From several districts it is reported that the Process-serving establishment leaves much to be desired, though efforts have been made during the year to improve it.

The Judges consider that an appreciable improvement is only possible if the Courts, instead of merely adjourning cases for non-service and late service, take an intelligent interest in the work and, by properly scrutinizing the reports, find out whether the default is due to the negligence or deliberate intention of the parties or to the negligence of process-servers. In either case suitable action should be at once taken to deal with these mal-practices so as to prevent their recurrence.

The income derived from process fees was considerably larger this year, the increase being due to the abolition of the fourth grade in the grades of Civil and Revenue Courts for the purposes of levying fees for the service of processes.

Legal Practitioners.

23. Two Legal Practitioners, an Advocate and a Vakil, have been given direct appointments as District and Sessions Judges in the Punjab.

No Legal Practitioner was dismissed for misconduct, but one Advocate was suspended for six months under clause 8 of the Letters Patent, while another Advocate, who was a Barrister, was suspended until such time as he should satisfy this Court that he had given up his work of auctioneering, and a Pleader was suspended for three months under section 14 of the Legal Practitioners Act.

Inspecting Judge.

24. The annual inspections of subordinate courts by the High Court are of the greatest value. A number of administrative questions are regularly referred for report to the Inspecting Judge, because it is considered that they require discussion and investigation by the Judge on the spot. By these annual inspections the High Court keeps in touch with the various subordinate Magistrates and Judges, gauges their character, capacity and energy, checks the quantity and quality of their judicial work and (this is the best means of so doing) investigates their administrative work, as for example the important business of process-serving. The Judges consider that it is important to inspect subordinate courts regularly each winter, and that it is imperative to do so in 1922-23 since no Inspecting Judge was appointed for 1921-22.

Decrease in civil litigation.

25. In 1921 the figures were lower than in the preceding years other than 1918, which was an exceptional one. Amritsar stands first in the Province with 11,833 institutions and Muzaffargarh is a close second with 11,459 institutions. Lahore, Hoshiarpur, Ferozepore and Gurdaspur come next with, respectively, 9,436, 9,247, 9,079 and 8,860. The principal district variations are an increase of 754 in Amritsar and a decrease of 1,923, 1,816, 1,703, 1,684, 1,642, 1,466, 1,430, 1,343, 1,248 and 1,211, respectively, in Attock, Hissar, Gurdaspur, Karnal, Rohtak, Dera Ghazi Khan, Rawalpindi, Gurgaon, Sialkot and Ferozepore.

Though the number of institutions has decreased, there is a large increase in the value of suits owing to the rise in the price of immoveable property.

A decrease has taken place also in suits for money or moveable property and is due, as was suggested in last year's "Note on the Administration of Civil Justice," to the fact that in the smaller villages Jat money lenders flourish and are taking the place of the old *sahukars*, money-lenders and bankers.

Various causes for the fluctuations in the number of suits instituted in 1921 have been noted by the District Judges, of which the most important appear to be four, *viz.* :—

(1) scarcity and bad harvests ;

(2) the increased interest taken by agriculturists in co-operative banks ;

(3) the tendency to arrange the settlement of claims out of court; and

(4) the prevalence of plague and cholera in certain districts.

It is interesting to note that in the year under review there has been an increase in crime and a decrease in civil litigation. It is suggested that one of the reasons for both of these may be found in "Non-co-operation." That movement has by its impracticable teaching unsettled men's minds and weakened the respect for authority so emboldening the disorderly elements of society to a greater audacity in crime, but it has also, by deliberately advising its followers to abstain from applying to the law courts, decreased civil litigation.

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HIS MAJESTY'S COURT OF JUDICATURE,
Lahore, the 28th July 1922.

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PROVINCIAL STATEMENT No. I—(CIVIL).

STATEMENT SHOWING THE NUMBER OF JUDICIAL DISTRICTS AND THE NUMBER OF OFFICERS EXERCISING JURISDICTION IN CIVIL CASES ON THE LAST DAY OF THE YEAR 1921, AND THE WORK DONE DURING THE YEAR.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
CLASS OF COURT.	Area (square miles).	Population.	Number of Judicial Districts.	Number of Revenue Districts.	Number of Sub-districts.	NUMBER OF OFFICERS.		TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES DECIDED.			
								Original.		*Appeal.*	
						Europeans.	Indians.	Regular.	Miscellaneous.	Regular.	Miscellaneous.
	Acres.										
Honorary Courts... ...						..	77	13,543	2,058	..	...
Paid Sub-Divisional Courts. — Munsifs...						...	93	152,910	23,914	...	...
Paid Sub-Divisional Courts. — Tahsil ...						...	19	1,805	245	...	...
Small Cause Courts ...	96,686	19,549,372	(a) 22	(a) 30	115	11	4	9,490	583	...	...
District Courts other than chief courts of districts.						6	86	13,038	6,717	3,322	516
Chief courts of districts ...						(b) 17	(b) 7	88	2,914	9,094	1,308
Total ...	...	...	..	...	..	34	286	190,874	36,431	12,416	1,824
High Court	...	...	...	...	...	7	3	20	30	2,596	413
GRAND TOTAL ...	...	...	...	...	...	41	289	190,894	36,461	*15,012	2,237

(a) Including Kullu.
(b) Includes 2 Additional District Judges—1 at Ferozepore and 1 at Jhelum.

PROVINCIAL STATEMENT No. II, PART I—(CIVIL).

STATEMENT SHOWING THE NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION OF CIVIL ORIGINAL CASES INSTITUTED IN THE CIVIL COURTS OF THE PUNJAB DURING THE YEAR 1921.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	SUITS FOR MONEY OR MOVEABLE PROPERTY.				TITLE AND OTHER SUITS.												
	Contract in writing.									*Matrimonial suits.*		*Testamentary suits.*					
CLASS OF COURT.	Registered.	Unregistered.	Other suits.	Total.	Suits for possession or recovery of immoveable property other than pre-emption suits and suits between mortgagor and mortgagee for possession.	Suits to establish a right to pre-emption.	Mortgage suits, *e.g.*, for foreclosure or re-demption, etc., and other suits for possession by mortgagor or mortgagee.	Suits for specific relief other than suits shown in columns 6 to 8.	Suits relating to religious and other endowments.	Suits for enforcement of matrimonial rights excluding suits for judicial separation and suits for dower.	Suits for dissolution of marriage.	Contested suits under Act X of 1865, or Act V of 1881.	Any other suits to enforce wills not falling under Act X of 1865, or Act V of 1881.	Any other suits not included in the foregoing columns.	Total.	Grand Total.	Number of suits shown in column 5 which were brought by bankers and shopkeepers against agriculturists.
Honorary Courts	21	6,505	4,417	10,943	806	269	91	259	1	97	4	...	...	36	1,563	12,506	4,203
Paid Sub-divisional Courts. — Munsifs ...	906	82,602	33,336	116,844	10,625	4,314	2,002	4,589	5	1,533	195	...	...	833	24,096	140,940	53,900
Paid Sub-divisional Courts. — Tahsil ...	...	728	720	1,448	230	28	2	27	...	4	...	...	...	4	295	1,743	221
Small Cause Courts.	9	4,966	4,463	9,438	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9,438	35
District Courts other than chief courts of districts.	299	2,781	1,725	4,805	1,872	1,938	368	2,286	22	414	89	4	...	572	7,565	12,370	1,313
Chief courts of districts.	2	46	33	81	1	7	1	2	2	11	26	17	...	27	94	175	2
Total ...	1,237	97,628	44,694	143,559	13,534	6,556	2,464	7,163	30	2,059	314	21	...	1,472	33,613	177,172	59,674
High Court ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	...	...	3	12	12	...
GRAND TOTAL...	1,237	97,628	44,694	143,559	13,534	6,556	2,464	7,163	30	2,059	323	21	...	1,475	33,625	177,184	59,674

Provincial Statement No. II—Part II—(Civil.)

STATEMENT SHOWING THE NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION OF MISCELLANEOUS CASES INSTITUTED IN THE CIVIL COURTS OF THE PUNJAB DURING THE YEAR 1921.

PROVINCIAL STATEMENT

STATEMENT SHOWING THE NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION OF MISCELLANEOUS CASES

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Class of Court.	Under the Code of Civil Procedure.										
	Plaints or memoranda of appeal rejected or returned without registration.	Application for the withdrawal or transfer of a suit or appeal.	Applications under order IX, rules 4, 9 and 13, and order XLI, rules 19 and 21, for the restoration to the file of a suit, appeal or application for execution, dismissed on default or decreed *ex parte*.	Claims to, and objections to, the attachment of attached property under order XXI, rule 5, and order XXXVII, rule 8.	Complaints under order XXI, rules 100, 101 and 103, order XXI, rule 97, and order XXI, rules 97 and 103, except when in case of obstruction by a claimant in good faith, the case is under order XXI, rule 99, to be registered as a suit.	Enquiries under order XXI, rule 2, on the application of the Judgment-debtor, as to payment to the decree-holder.	Applications under order XXXIII, rule 1, for permission to sue as a pauper.	Applications under order XLIV, rule 1, for permission to appeal as a pauper.	Applications under section 114 and order XLVII, rule 1, for review of Judgment.	Proceedings under order XVI, rule 12.	Total.
Honorary Courts ...	49	12	1,350	464	...	5	16	...	46	...	1,942
Paid Sub-Divisional Courts. Munsifs	555	2	13,269	6,117	109	208	278	21	492	50	21,101
Paid Sub-Divisional Courts. Tahsil...	23	...	204	26	...	...	...	...	...	...	253
Small Cause Courts...	2	...	426	62	...	...	...	1	28	...	519
District courts other than chief courts of districts.	450	65	1,357	881	10	50	189	7	142	24	3,175
Chief courts of districts.	69	957	206	56	...	1	17	26	81	1	1,414
Total ...	1,148	1,036	16,812	7,606	119	264	500	55	789	75	28,404
High Court ...	...	41	27	...	...	...	...	2	165	...	235
Grand Total ...	1,148	1,077	16,839	7,606	119	264	500	57	954	75	28,639

No. II, PART II.—(CIVIL).

INSTITUTED IN THE CIVIL COURTS OF THE PUNJAB DURING THE YEAR 1921,

13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS CASES.											
Cases regarding redemption of mortgage under Regulation I of 1793.	Cases regarding foreclosure of mortgage under Regulation XVII of 1806.	Applications for certificates of guardianship of minors, or of administration of their property under Act VIII of 1890 and for the revocation of such certificates.	Applications regarding the care of lunatics' estates, and the guardianship of their persons under Act XXXV of 1858.	Cases under Succession Certificate Act, VII of 1889.	*Uncontested* applications for probates and letters of administration under Acts X of 1865 and V of 1881, as amended by Act, VI of 1889, and applications for the revocation of such probates and letters.	Other cases connected with the custody and disposal of intestate property.	Cases under section 14 of the Legal Practitioners Act, 1879.	Applications for certificates under section 41 (3) of the Punjab Courts Act.	Cases under the Land Acquisition Act, 1894.	Miscellaneous cases not provided for in the foregoing columns.	Total.
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	111	111
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	2,902	2,908
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	73	73
...	...	1,351	3	1,152	31	1	...	1	...	1,220	3,759
...	80	546	18	55	87	2	13	99	162	468	1,530
...	80	1,897	21	1,207	118	3	13	106	162	4,774	8,381
...	...	...	...	...	32	...	3	...	...	309	344
...	80	1,897	21	1,207	150	3	16	106	162	5,083	8,725

PROVINCIAL STATEMENT

STATEMENT SHOWING THE VALUE OF SUITS INSTITUTED IN THE CIVIL

Class of Court.	Number of suits															
	Not exceeding Rs. 10.				*Not exceeding Rs. 50.*				*Not exceeding Rs. 100*				*Not exceeding Rs. 500.*			
	For money or moveable property.	For land assessed or subject to assessment.	For other immoveable property.	Other suits.	For money or moveable property.	For land assessed or subject to assessment.	For other immoveable property.	Other suits.	For money or moveable property.	For land assessed or subject to assessment.	For other immoveable property.	Other suits.	For money or moveable property.	For land assessed or subject to assessment.	For other immoveable property.	Other suits.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Honorary Courts ...	856	205	36	14	2,832	270	142	79	2,954	171	115	93	4,064	155	115	113
Paid Sub-Divisional Courts. Munsifs	6,343	1,912	338	133	33,406	3,150	1,612	614	28,877	2,593	1,728	860	39,618	3,045	2,658	1,833
Paid Sub-Divisional Courts. Tahsil	329	95	7	4	738	113	14	1	381	55	2	4	...	...	...	...
Small Cause Courts	284	...	...	...	2,947	...	...	...	2,328	...	...	...	3,879	...	...	...
District courts other than chief courts of districts.	16	45	...	11	187	82	21	19	240	179	45	49	892	715	168	202
Chief courts of districts.	4	...	...	...	31	...	...	...	12	...	...	1	26	...	...	3
Total ...	7,832	2,257	381	162	40,141	3,615	1,789	713	34,792	2,998	1,890	1,007	47,979	3,915	2,941	2,151
High Court ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grand Total ...	7,832	2,257	381	162	40,141	3,615	1,789	713	34,792	2,998	1,890	1,007	47,979	3,915	2,941	2,151

No. III – (Civil).

COURTS OF THE PUNJAB DURING THE YEAR 1921.

INSTITUTED.

Not exceeding Rs. 1,000.				*Not exceeding Rs. 5,000.*				*Not exceeding Rs. 10,000.*				*Not exceeding Rs. 1,00,000*			
For money or moveable property.	For land assessed or subject to assessment.	For other immoveable property.	Other suits.	For money or moveable property.	For land assessed or subject to assessment.	For other immoveable property.	Other suits.	For money or moveable property.	For land assessed or subject to assessment.	For other immoveable property.	Other suits.	For money or moveable property.	For land assessed or subject to assessment.	For other immoveable property.	Other suits.
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33
237	11	18	23	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
8,014	1,193	729	1,261	586	2	90	107	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
368	450	169	482	3,115	2,061	782	1,164	346	289	120	140	137	103	66	88
1	...	...	18	...	2	...	18	3	5	...	5	4	1	...	6
8,620	1,654	916	1,784	3,701	2,065	872	1,289	349	294	120	145	141	104	66	94
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
8,620	1,654	916	1,784	3,701	2,065	872	1,289	349	294	120	145	141	104	66	94

PROVINCIAL STATEMENT No. III—(CIVIL)—*concluded.*

STATEMENT SHOWING THE VALUE OF SUITS INSTITUTED IN THE CIVIL COURTS OF THE PUNJAB DURING THE YEAR 1921.

CLASS OF COURT.	NUMBER OF SUITS INSTITUTED—*concluded.*											TOTAL VALUE OF SUITS.			
	Exceeding Rs. 1,00,000,				*Suits of which the value cannot be fixed.*			*Total.*							
	For money or moveable property.	For land assessed or subject to assessment.	For other immoveable property.	Other suits.	For land assessed or subject to assessment.	For other immoveable property.	Other suits.	For money or moveable property.	For land assessed or subject to assessment.	For other immoveable property.	Other suits.	For money or moveable property.	For land assessed or subject to assessment.	For other immoveable property.	Other suits.
1	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48
												Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Honorary Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	10,943	812	427	324	13,46,680	53,442	67,749	39,076
Paid Sub-Divisional Courts. — Munsifs...		...	...	...	49	52	137	116,844	11,944	7,207	4,945	1,74 39,573	19,0[illegible],265	19,[illegible]7,272	18,00,395
Paid Sub-Divisional Courts. — Tahsil ...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,448	263	23	9	49,875	8,020	616	443
Small Cause Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9,438	...	...	...	10,28,173	...	...	...
District courts other than chief courts of districts.	4	3	1	4	39	16	52	4,805	3,96[illegible]	1,388	2,211	1,08,30,245	1,31,96,871	15,56,353	64,06,500
Chief courts of districts.	...	...	...	1	4	...	30	81	12	...	82	83,049	46,840	...	6,26,402
Total ...	4	3	1	5	92	69	221	143,559	16,957	9,045	7,571	3,07,77,595	1,52,07,438	66,01,990	88,72,816
High Court ...	...	...	...	...	...		12	...	...	...	12	...	...	...	...
GRAND TOTAL...	4	3	1	5	92	69	233	143,559	16,997	9,045	7,583	3,07,77,595	1,52,07,438	66,01,990	88,72,816

PROVINCIAL STATEMENT No. IV—(CIVIL).

STATEMENT SHOWING THE GENERAL RESULT OF THE TRIAL OF CIVIL CASES IN THE COURTS OF ORIGINAL JURISDICTION IN THE PROVINCE OF THE PUNJAB IN THE YEAR 1921.

PART I—CIVIL SUITS.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
CLASS OF COURT.		NUMBER OF SUITS DISPOSED OF.												AVERAGE DURATION OF SUITS IN DAYS.		
	Total number of suits before the Courts.	Transferred.	Without trial.	*Without Contest.*				*On reference to arbitration.*		*With contest.*		Pending at the close of the year.	Number of cases pending more than three months at the close of the year.	Contested.	Uncontested.	Average number of days the parties, or either, or any of them had to attend Court.
				Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed *ex parte*.	Dismissed *ex parte*.	For plaintiff.	For defendant.	Judgment for plaintiff in whole or in part.	Judgment for defendant.					
Honorary Courts	16,432	5	3,600	2,107	1,630	2,672	356	168	48	2,273	684	2,889	706	91	54	3
Paid Sub-Divisional Courts. Munsifs	192,354	16	29,448	27,079	18,941	31,011	3,699	1,285	426	31,459	9,546	39,444	13,639	99	62	3
Paid Sub-Divisional Courts. Tahsil...	2,090	5	611	492	76	247	29	13	12	192	128	285	45	108	49	3
Small Cause Courts.	10,803	...	1,230	2,327	1,314	2,556	88	31	4	1,534	406	1,313	162	45	35	3
District courts other than chief courts of districts.	21,342	4	1,760	1,878	686	1,210	578	238	56	4,352	2,276	8,304	5,111	213	128	5
Chief courts of districts.	147	...	7	14	5	4	3	1	1	34	19	59	39	181	146	4
Total ...	243,168	30	36,656	33,897	22,652	37,700	4,753	1,736	547	39,844	13,059	52,294	19,702	112	61	3
High Court ...	27	2	4	1	...	7	1	...	...	4	1	7	4	246	140	...
GRAND TOTAL ...	243,195	32	36,660	33,898	22,652	37,707	4,754	1,736	547	39,848	13,060	52,301	19,706	112	61	...

PROVINCIAL STATEMENT No. IV—(CIVIL)—*concluded.*

STATEMENT SHOWING THE GENERAL RESULT OF THE TRIAL OF CIVIL CASES IN THE COURTS OF ORIGINAL JURISDICATION IN THE PROVINCE OF THE PUNJAB IN THE YEAR 1921.

PART II—MISCELLANEOUS SUITS.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
CLASS OF COURT.	Total number of suits before the Courts.	NUMBER OF SUITS DISPOSED OF.										Pending at the close of the year.	Number of cases pending more than three months at the close of the year.	AVERAGE DURATION OF SUITS IN DAYS		Average number of days the parties, or either, or any of them had to attend Court.
		Transferred.	Without trial.	*Without contest.*				*On reference to arbitration.*		*With contest.*				Contested.	Uncontested.	
				Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed *ex parte*.	Dismissed *ex parte*.	For plaintiff.	For defendant.	Judgment for plaintiff in whole or in part.	Judgment for defendant.					
Honorary Courts	2,418	...	490	72	111	137	16	4	...	937	291	360	68	33	25	3
Paid Sub-Divisional Courts. Munsifs	28,747	...	6,681	1,291	1,041	1,817	738	5	...	7,978	4,363	4,833	879	39	31	3
Paid Sub-Divisional Courts. Tahsil	265	...	76	20	...	9	..	...	...	132	8	20	1	28	17	3
Small Cause Courts	621	...	234	42	5	6	1	...	...	213	85	35	1	22	19	2
District courts other than chief courts of districts.	8,280	...	1,696	232	198	368	135	...	...	2,594	1,491	1,566	405	52	35	2
Chief Courts of Districts.	3,405	4	989	44	12	303	253	...	...	729	580	491	86	49	31	2
Total ...	43,736	4	10,166	1,701	1,367	2,640	1,143	9	...	12,583	6,818	7,305	1,440	42	31	2
High Court ...	39	...	20	...	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	9	3	...	40	...
GRAND TOTAL...	43,775	4	10,186	1,701	1,367	2,650	1,143	9	...	12,583	6,818	7,314	1,443	42	15	...

PROVINCIAL STATEMENT No. V—(CIVIL.)

STATEMENT SHOWING THE BUSINESS OF THE CIVIL APPELLATE COURTS OF THE PROVINCE OF THE PUNJAB IN THE YEAR 1921.

PART I.—APPEALS FROM DECREES.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
CLASS OF COURT.	Total number of appeals before the Courts.	Transferred to other Districts.	Decisions confirmed, order XLI, rule (11), Civil Procedure Code.	Dismissed for default or otherwise not prosecuted.	HEARD *ex parte*.				CONTESTED.				Pending.	Number pending more than three months.	Average duration of appeals.	Objections under order XLI, rule 22, of Civil Procedure Code.	Objections allowed.
					Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.					
Appellate Courts other than chief courts of Districts.	3,862	3	204	152	18	11	34	6	1,398	392	705	329	540	92	68	42	12
Chief appellate courts of districts.	13,400	434	782	309	104	26	32	9	4,652	751	1,479	576	4,246	2,331	140	281	77
Total ...	17,262	437	986	461	192	37	66	15	6,050	1,143	2,184	905	4,786	2,423	120	323	89
High Court { Appeals from original decrees.	951	3	9	14	1	...	...	1	75	11	20	9	808	721	1,376	6	4
High Court { Second appeals....	3,841	...	1,358	96	26	5	13	7	602	54	181	111	1,388	1,091	341	31	4
High Court { Letters Patent appeals.	287	...	141	2	1		...	...	33	2	11	3	94	78	71	...	...
GRAND TOTAL ...	22,341	440	2,494	573	220	42	79	23	6,760	1,210	2,396	1,028	7,076	4,313	167	360	97

PROVINCIAL STATEMENT No. V.—(CIVIL)—*concluded.*

STATEMENT SHOWING THE BUSINESS OF THE CIVIL APPELLATE COURTS OF THE PROVINCE OF THE PUNJAB IN THE YEAR 1921.

PART II.—MISCELLANEOUS.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
CLASS OF COURT.	Total number of appeals before the Courts.	Transferred to other Districts.	Decisions confirmed order XLI, rule(11), Civil Procedure Code.	Dismissed for default or otherwise not prosecuted.	HEARD *ex parte*.				CONTESTED.				Pending.	Number pending more than three months.	Average duration of appeals.	Objections under order XLI, rule 22, of Civil Procedure Code.	Objections allowed.
					Rejected.	Modified.	Decreed or granted.	Remanded.	Rejected.	Modified.	Decreed or granted.	Remanded.					
Appellate courts other than chief courts of districts.	590	...	51	39	18	1	8	6	182	9	104	98	74	12	43	1	...
Chief appellate courts of districts	1,631	16	248	81	61	3	10	8	520	28	237	96	323	101	85	3	...
Total ...	2,221	16	299	120	79	4	18	14	702	37	341	194	397	113	74	4	...
High Court	625	1	172	20	9	1	6	4	106	11	54	29	212	147	192	...	...
GRAND TOTAL ...	2,846	17	471	140	88	5	24	18	808	48	395	223	609	260	96	4	...

Provincial Statement No. VI—(Civil).

STATEMENT SHOWING THE RESULT OF PROCEEDINGS ON APPLICATIONS FOR THE EXECUTION OF DECREES OF THE CIVIL COURTS IN THE PUNJAB DURING THE YEAR 1921.

PROVINCIAL STATEMENT

STATEMENT SHOWING THE RESULT OF PROCEEDINGS ON APPLICATIONS DURING THE

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Class of Court.	Total number of applications to execute decrees for disposal.	Applications disposed of						Pending at the close of the year.	Pending over three months.	Value of money decrees in execution.	Amount realised.
		By transfers under sections 39 and 41 and order XXI, rules 4 and 5, of Civil Procedure Code.	*Satisfaction obtained in full.*		*Satisfaction obtained in part.*		Wholly infructuous.				
			Through the Court.	Under order XXI, rule (2) of Civil Procedure Code.	Through the Court.	Under order XXI, rule (2), Civil Procedure Code.					
										Rs.	Rs.
Honorary Courts ...	9,266	47	1,849	100	1,060	65	4,286	1,859	369	7,84,533	1,92,769
Paid Sub-Divisional Courts. — Munsifs	142,616	764	24,421	878	16,282	467	70,145	29,659	5,656	1,46,34,939	35,72,397
Paid Sub-Divisional Courts. — Tahsil...	732	1	267	...	81	2	273	108	9	20,056	7,458
Small Cause Courts ...	6,943	386	1,173	71	853	47	3,381	1,032	61	6,04,784	1,63,793
District Courts other than chief courts of districts.	14,621	210	3,297	69	1,487	44	5,697	3,817	1,076	1,15,52,866	26,53,278
Chief courts of districts ...	388	...	105	3	54	1	120	105	35	4,58,076	1,72,300
Total ...	174,566	1,408	31,112	1,121	19,817	626	83,902	36,580	7,206	2,80,55,254	67,61,995

No. VI.—(Civil).

FOR THE EXECUTION OF DECREES OF THE CIVIL COURTS IN THE PUNJAB
YEAR 1921.

13	14		15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Number of Applications for execution of decrees														
On which processes were issued, but not executed.	*On which the judgment-debtor was imprisoned.*		On which he was arrested but released without imprisonment.	*On which movable property*		*On which*				*On which possession was given*		On which specific performance was enforced.	On which partition was effected.	On which execution was effected otherwise than in the preceding columns.
	Male.	Female.		Was old.	Was attached, but subsequently released.	Immoveable property was sold.	Hereditary or joint acquired property was sold.	Action was taken under order XXI, rules 83 and 84, Civil Procedure Code.	Immoveable property was attached, but subsequently released.	Of moveables.	Of immoveables.			
2,201	8	...	110	231	983	66	...	...	155	6	197	...	...	1
35,512	185	2	2,536	2,693	16,781	1,793	41	17	4,614	85	3,500	74	20	24
203	2	...	6	79	107	...	...	...	4	1	48	...	...	1
1,234	8	...	59	71	92	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...
2,588	41	3	134	307	1,156	180	10	2	399	19	1,099	10	4	7
110	...	1	1	19	93	5	...	...	8	...	30	...	...	...
41,898	244	6	2,846	3,390	19,212	2,044	51	19	5,180	114	4,874	84	24	33

PROVINCIAL STATEMENT No. VII—(CIVIL).

PROCEEDINGS IN INSOLVENCY UNDER ACT III OF 1907 IN THE PUNJAB DURING THE YEAR 1921.

PART I.—SHOWING THE NUMBER AND RESULT OF APPLICATIONS UNDER ACT III OF 1907 AND THE NUMBER OF INSOLVENTS BEFORE THE COURTS.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	APPLICATIONS FOR A DECLARATION OF INSOLVENCY.															PERSONS DECLARED TO BE INSOLVENTS.							
	NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS DEALT WITH.						APPLICATIONS DISPOSED OF.									NUMBER OF INSOLVENTS BEFORE THE COURTS.				DISPOSED OF.			
CLASS OF COURT.	Pending at the close of the previous year.	Filed during the year			Received by transfer from other districts.	Total.	Transferred to other districts.	Withdrawn or otherwise not prosecuted.	Granted.		Penal proceedings under section 43 not being taken.	Rejected.		Applicant being sent to the Magistrate to be dealt with.	Total.	Pending at the close of the year.	Remaining at the close of the previous year.	Declared to be insolvents during the year.	Received by transfer.	Total.	Transferred.	Died.	Discharged under section 44.	Remaining at the close of the year.
		By judgment-debtors.		By decree-holders.					A receiver being appointed.	A receiver not being appointed.		Sentence of imprisonment being passed under section 48.											
		Under arrest or imprisonment.	Not under arrest or imprisonment.																				
Courts other than district courts specially empowered under Section 3 of Act III of 1907.	97	...	144	24	12	277	...	114	64	1	7	13	...	199	74	724	75	...	799	..	17	282	500
District Courts	261	2	519	89	3	874	12	272	187	41	40	26	2	580	29	4,197	239	...	4,436	..	152	45	4,183
Total ...	358	2	663	113	15	1,151	12	386	251	42	47	39	2	779	372	4,921	314	...	5,235	...	169	327	4,683

* Excludes 48 persons of Gurdaspur in whose cases adjudication was annulled and 8 persons of Jullundur whose applications were rejected.

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PROCEEDINGS IN INSOLVENCY UNDER ACT III OF 1907 IN THE PUNJAB DURING THE YEAR 1921.

PART II.—SHOWING THE NUMBER OF ESTATES IN THE HANDS OF RECEIVERS AND THE PROGRESS MADE IN WINDING UP.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	NUMBER OF INSOLVENTS' ESTATES IN THE HANDS OF RECEIVERS.				AMOUNT OF CREDITORS' CLAIMS DEALT WITH DURING THE YEAR.					AMOUNT OF INSOLVENTS ASSETS REALIZED AND OUTSTANDING.			
CLASS OF COURTS.	Pending at the close of the previous year.	Placed in charge of a Receiver during the year.	Number of Estates in regard to which proceedings were finally closed during the year.	Pending at the close of the year.	Unsatisfied and pending at the close of the previous year.	Admitted.	Disallowed.	Satisfied.	Unsatisfied and pending at the close of the year.	Amount of realised assets in the hands of Receivers at the close of the previous year.	Gross amount realised during the year.	Total amount of disbursements.	Amount remaining in the hands of Receivers at the close of the year.
					Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Courts other than district courts specially empowered under section 3 of Act III, 1907.	353	59	161	251	16,23,872	2,10,005	4,531	3,70,928	14,62,948	1,73,510	2,06,772	1,82,614	1,93,168
District Courts...	2,713	193	502	2,404	37,40,154	9,81,184	1,33,034	5,84,485	40,93,202	4,27,595	3,86,879	3,49,999	4,46,316
Total ...	3,066	252	663	2,655	53,64,026	11,91,189	1,37,565	9,55,413	55,56,150	6,01,105	5,93,651	5,32,613	6,44,484

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